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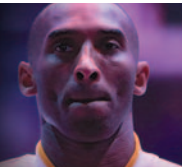
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Tariq Ghazniwal

This photo provided to The Associated Press by a journalist affiliated with the Taliban shows an aircraft that crashed in Afghanistan on Monday. The U.S. military says it is investigating reports of an airplane crash in Taliban-controlled territory in Afghanistan.

US plane crashes in Ghazni

By J.P. LAWRENCE
AND PHILLIP WALTER WELLMAN
Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — An Air Force communications aircraft crashed in a Taliban-controlled area of central Afghanistan on Monday, after which video of the purported wreckage circulated on social media.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldfein said the aircraft was a Bombardier E-11A, during a meeting with reporters in Washington on Monday. Goldfein did not confirm further details.

"It appears we have lost an aircraft," Goldfein said. "We don't know the status of the crew."

U.S. Forces-Afghanistan spokesman Col. Sonny Leggett said on Twitter that while the incident was under investigation, "there are no indications the crash was caused by enemy fire."

The plane crashed around 1:30 p.m. Monday in Ghazni province, and initial reports suggest two or three people died, said Arif Noori, spokesman for the provincial governor.

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South Korean man with coronavirus is from Pyeongtaek, US military says, urging caution

By KIM GAMEL
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — The U.S. military urged people to seek medical care when necessary and avoid nonessential travel to China after confirmation of a case of coronavirus in a South Korean man from the vicinity of two U.S. bases.

A man from Pyeongtaek, a city close

to Camp Humphreys and Osan Air Base, is one of four South Koreans with the potentially deadly, flu-like disease, according to a U.S. Forces Korea announcement Monday.

President Moon Jae-in, meanwhile, ordered that all people entering South Korea from the Chinese city of Wuhan be checked amid growing fears about the spread of the virus.

U.S. Forces Korea, the main command for some 28,500 American service members stationed on the divided peninsula, issued a carefully worded public service announcement on social media in a bid to prevent panic.

South Korea has confirmed that four people who recently returned from China had been infected with the virus, which originated in Wuhan, an industrial city

with a population of 11 million.

The most recent was a 55-year-old South Korean man who tested positive after he visited a clinic with cold symptoms on Jan. 21, a day after returning home from Wuhan, according to the Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. KCDC officials declined to provide more details, saying the case was still under investigation.

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Navy deploys 2 Tritons to Guam for debut

By SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

The Navy's largest unmanned aerial vehicle has deployed for the first time to the Pacific, where it will conduct intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions.

Two MQ-4C Tritons — maritime versions of the Air Force RQ-4 Global Hawk — have arrived at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, the Navy said in a statement Sunday after the second aircraft touched down.

The Tritons, and two others scheduled to be on Guam by 2021, will be flown by the Navy's first dedicated drone squadron, Unmanned Patrol Squadron 19, which will focus on honing the skills needed to operate the high-tech planes, the statement said.

The Tritons will complement P-8A Poseidon surveillance planes and bring increased persistence, capability and capacity through their multi-sensor mission payloads, the Navy statement said.

The drones provide real-time intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance over vast ocean and coastal regions, Northrop Grumman states on its website.



RYAN BROOKS/U.S. Air Force

An MQ-4C Triton unmanned aircraft taxis after landing at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, for a deployment on Jan. 12.

"The aircraft can fly over 24 hours at a time, at altitudes higher than 10 miles, with an operational range of 8,200 nautical miles," the website states.

The Triton looks like the RQ-4B Global Hawks that the Air

Force already flies out of Guam; however, the resemblance is only skin deep.

The front edges of a Triton's wings are toughened to withstand bird strikes, and its electronics are designed to withstand power

surges from lightning. Tritons also have stiffer wings that allow them to dive below 10,000 feet to get a closer look at targets floating on the water, according to the Navy.

The Tritons on Guam will fall

under Task Force 72, the lead command for patrol, reconnaissance and surveillance forces in 7th Fleet, the Navy said.

"The introduction of MQ-4C Triton to the Seventh Fleet area of operations expands the reach of the U.S. Navy's maritime patrol and reconnaissance force in the Western Pacific," said Capt. Matt Rutherford, the task force commander. "Coupling the capabilities of the MQ-4C with the proven performance of P-8, P-3 and EP-3 will enable improved maritime domain awareness in support of regional and national security objectives."

The inaugural deployment of Triton to Guam also brings enhanced capabilities to forward fleet commanders, Rear Adm. Peter Garvin, commander of 7th Fleet's patrol and reconnaissance group, said in the statement.

The Navy's first dedicated drone squadron is "superbly trained" and ready to provide the persistent intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance the Navy needs, he said.

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Guam-based US airmen join effort to fight massive fires in Australia

By SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

The U.S. Air Force has joined a multinational effort to battle massive bushfires in Australia.

Two five-person cargo load teams from the 36th Contingency Response Group at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, arrived Sunday, according to the Australian Department of Defence.

Last week, the U.S. Embassy in Canberra announced the deployment of another 90 civilian personnel in addition to more than 200 U.S. Forest Service and Department of the Interior wildland fire staff battling blazes in the

Australian states of New South Wales and Victoria.

The fires, burning for months, have blackened an area more than 40,000 square miles and have claimed 31 lives, The Associated Press reported.

Three U.S. military veteran firefighters were killed when a C-130 Hercules air tanker operated by a Canadian company crashed while battling bushfires Thursday in Australia.

Australia's Minister for Defence, Sen. Linda Reynolds, said the latest deployment builds on training conducted under the bilateral Enhanced Air Cooper-

ation program.

"We are deeply saddened by the loss of three American firefighters who were helping Australia, far from their own homes, and who had previously served their country in the U.S. military," she said.

"The assistance provided by the U.S. military to Operation Bushfire Assist is a reminder of the rich history of cooperation that exists between our two nations."

Troops from Australia, New Zealand and Singapore have been assisting in the response to the disaster.



JAMES MAY/U.S. Air Force

Members from the 36th Contingency Response Group from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, seen here in 2018, will join the multinational efforts to fight Australia's bushfires.

Earlier this month, personnel at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., assisted the Royal Australian Air Force with transporting fire retardant to Australia on a RAAF

C-17A Globemaster, according to the Australian statement.

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Marines wanted for service's new recruiting advertisement campaign



U.S. Marine Corps

A screen shot from a U.S. Marine Corps recruiting video. The Corps has put out a casting call for active duty and reserves to participate in the service's latest recruiting campaign.

Stars and Stripes

The Marine Corps has put out a casting call for active duty and reserve Marines to participate in the service's latest recruiting campaign focused on the boot camp "transformation."

Casting sessions will be held in February at two Marine Corps bases on the East and West Coasts, the Corps said in an administrative message published Friday.

"In order to ensure authenticity and accuracy, MCRC has always utilized real Marines in its advertising," said the message signed by Maj. Gen. James W. Bierman, head of Marine Corps Recruiting

Command.

One casting call will be held at the Conservation Law Enforcement Complex on Camp Lejeune, N.C., Feb. 3-4. A West Coast call will be held Feb. 6-7 at the Pacific Views Center on Camp Pendleton, Calif.

"Marines selected to be featured in Marine Corps advertisements are exemplary ambassadors of the Marine Corps to the public," the message said. "No previous acting experience is necessary."

Marines deemed most qualified after the initial screening will be notified and scheduled

for personal interviews at a later date.

The campaign, part of the Corps' "Battles Won" marketing strategy, looks at the "transformation story of making Marines via recruit training," the message said. Filming will run from Feb. 27 to March 1 at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., and in Atlanta, Ga.

Marines who want to participate must be available to serve on temporary duty orders for the entire filming window, plus one day of travel on either side.

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MILITARY

On the hunt in attack on Baghdad's Green Zone

By CHAD GARLAND

Stars and Stripes

A nighttime mortar attack on the heavily fortified Baghdad Green Zone hit the U.S. Embassy, injuring one person there, staff members said Monday.

One of several projectiles fired at the diplomatic facility struck and damaged a dining facility inside the embassy compound, a coalition security official confirmed to Stars and Stripes shortly after the Sunday attack. Gen. Frank McKenzie, head of U.S. Central Command, told reporters traveling with him that the mortar attack had started a fire that was put out and had caused a minor injury to a U.S. national — not a military service member — who had since returned to duty, The Associated Press reported.

The attack, which was initially reported as a rocket strike, quickly drew condemnation from Iraq's acting Prime Minister Adil Abdul-Mahdi, who said such attacks threaten to drag the country into a new conflict.

Such "outlaw acts" weaken Iraq sovereignty and the sanctity of diplomatic missions in its soil, Abdul-Mahdi's statement said. He resigned as prime minister in November in the face of anti-government demonstrations, but continues to serve in a caretaker role until a replacement can be named.

Five rounds fell onto the international zone, which houses government buildings and foreign embassies, the Iraqi government's security media cell said in an online statement. Three of them fell inside the U.S. Embassy compound, which is the world's largest embassy, several media outlets reported.

A State Department official who responded to a Stars and Stripes inquiry on the attack declined to comment on the security situation in Baghdad, beyond stating that it remains tense and Iran-backed groups continue to pose a threat.

"So, we remain vigilant," the official said via email, in which they also called on Iraq to fulfill its obligations to protect diplomatic facilities. Iraqi militia members and their backers had stormed the embassy compound on New Year's Eve, forcing the U.S. to quickly deploy about 100 Marines from Kuwait to reinforce the facility.

It's the second rocket attack to target the U.S. Embassy in six days and is the latest in a series of sporadic rocket strikes that have been targeting areas housing U.S. forces in the country last summer as Washington warned of increasing threats from Iran and its proxies in response to the Trump administration's maximum pressure campaign. President Donald Trump has imposed harsh sanctions in an attempt to force Tehran to renegotiate an Obama-era nuclear agreement that the U.S. president and his supporters have criticized as a bad deal.

Recent months have seen more than a dozen rocket attacks on the Green Zone and Iraqi bases hosting U.S. and coalition forces elsewhere in the country, which U.S. officials have called on Abdul-Mahdi's government to prevent. The U.S. has blamed the attacks on Shiite militia groups, which have Iranian backing but are formally part of Iraq's security forces.

Continued strikes could have dire consequences for Iraq, Abdul-Mahdi warned, citing the risk of damaged relations with allies or of the possibility the country could be dragged into an armed conflict, apparently alluding to ongoing U.S.-Iran turmoil. Iraqi security forces are still battling Islamic State insurgents, and some officials and observers fear instability and internal chaos could allow the terrorists to regroup and resurge.

Abdul-Mahdi's warning follows several weeks of heightened U.S.-Iran tensions, which were ratcheted up by a deadly rocket strike last month on a base near the Iraqi city of Kirkuk.

After an American civilian contractor was killed in that attack, a series of escalations preceded a U.S. drone strike in Baghdad that killed Iranian Maj. Gen. Qassem Soleimani and an Iraqi militia leader closely tied to him. Weeks of drama capped off with a retaliatory missile barrage by Iran that left 34 Americans with traumatic brain injuries and the shooting down of a civilian airplane.

Security forces have been ordered to work to arrest those responsible for the rocket strikes on the Green Zone and to prevent future attacks, Abdul-Mahdi's statement said Sunday.

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MATTHEW LOTZ/U.S. Air Force

An Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon from the 79th Fighter Squadron at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., releases flares over Afghanistan on Nov. 12, 2019. The U.S. dropped more bombs in Afghanistan last year than any other year.

US dropped record number of bombs in Afghanistan in 2019

By PHILLIP WALTER WELLMAN

Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — The United States dropped more bombs and other munitions in Afghanistan last year than any other year since documentation began in 2006, Air Force data shows.

American aircraft released 7,423 munitions in the country in 2019, according to figures published Monday by U.S. Air Force Central Command. Coalition aircraft flew nearly 8,800 sorties during the period, over a quarter of which carried out strikes.

The tally surpasses the previous record set last year when 7,362 munitions were released and comes amid ongoing discussion between American and Taliban officials aimed at ending America's longest war.

"The U.S. has been very explicitly using stepped-up attacks on the Taliban as a form of leverage-seeking," Laurel Miller, former U.S. acting Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, said in a phone interview, adding that the Taliban also sees violence as its main form of leverage.

The AFCEP figures include bomb and missile strikes, 105 mm shells fired by AC-130 gunships and strafing fire from 20 mm cannons and up.

Airstrikes, predominantly conducted by U.S. forces, caused 579 of the 1,149 civilian war fatalities attributed to pro-government forces in Afghanistan during the first nine months of 2019, according to the most re-

cent United Nations data. Insurgent groups were responsible for 1,207 civilian deaths in that time, the U.N. data showed. Another 207 civilian deaths were unattributed to either side.

Last week, Afghanistan's Independent Human Rights Commission blamed a U.S. drone strike conducted earlier this month in western Herat province for killing 15 civilians, including three children.

"The commission has repeatedly called on domestic and foreign forces to be more careful in conducting military operations so that civilians are not harmed," the commission said.

A spokesman for U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan confirmed the U.S. military carried out the strike in support of government forces. Afghan authorities said an investigation was ongoing.

While U.S.-trained Afghan forces are capable of conducting ground operations, they still need air support to fight insurgents and terrorist groups, like the local Islamic State affiliate, said Rohullah Ahmadzai, Afghan Defense Ministry spokesman.

"The cooperation of foreign forces is vital for us," Ahmadzai said.

The defense ministry was unable to say how many munitions Afghan forces released in 2019.

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Crashes: USAF says communications aircraft is 'like Wi-Fi in the sky'

FROM FRONT PAGE

Noori wasn't initially able to confirm whether it was a U.S. aircraft that crashed in Deh Yak district, about 80 miles southwest of Kabul.

"We tried to send Afghan security forces to the scene," Noori said, but they were pulled back due to security concerns.

The Taliban control large sections of Ghazni, which was the site of a surprise offensive in 2018. Teams from the Red Cross and Red Crescent went to the crash site but weren't able to send updates due to poor phone reception in the remote area, Noori said.

The Taliban said in a Pashto-language statement that the U.S. plane crashed and that their fighters "had downed it tactically." They also said that "lots" of U.S.



SOURCE: AP. NOGA AHN/NAV.Stars and Stripes

service members died, The Associated Press reported. The Taliban are known to exaggerate their claims.

Tariq Ghazniwal, a journalist in the area affiliated with the Taliban, said that he saw the burning aircraft, AP reported. On Twitter, Ghazniwal told AP that he saw two bodies and that the front of

the aircraft was burned badly.

Early reports stated the crash was an Ariana Airlines plane, but the company told AP that none of its planes had crashed in Afghanistan.

The Aviation Safety Network, which tracks aviation accidents, identified the E-11A by its Air Force tail number, 11-9358.

The Air Force's fleet of four E-11A aircraft, outfitted with the Battlefield Airborne Communications Node payload, provides a unique capability in a country where mountains and poor communications infrastructure create a challenge for military operations, the service has said.

All of the service's BACN aircraft are assigned to the 430th Expeditionary Electronic Combat Squadron and solely fly out of

Kandahar Airfield, where they've been deployed for about a decade.

They are in the air every minute of the day, the Air Force has said. The aircraft is "like Wi-Fi in the sky," said Capt. Jacob Breth, an Air Force pilot quoted in a November 2018 statement.

The capability was developed in direct response to communications failures during one of the most well-known battles of the war, Operation Red Wings.

During that summer 2005 operation in Kunar province, a four-man Navy SEAL patrol was unable to establish communications with its combat operations center, leaving them vulnerable to the attack that left 19 special operations troops dead and only one survivor, Marcus Luttrell.

The former SEAL recounted

the mission in the book "Lone Survivor," which was later made into a movie.

In response to that incident, a Bombardier Global Express was outfitted to allow ground troops and the aircraft to talk to each other, the Air Force has said. Test pilots first deployed with the aircraft to Kandahar in 2008.

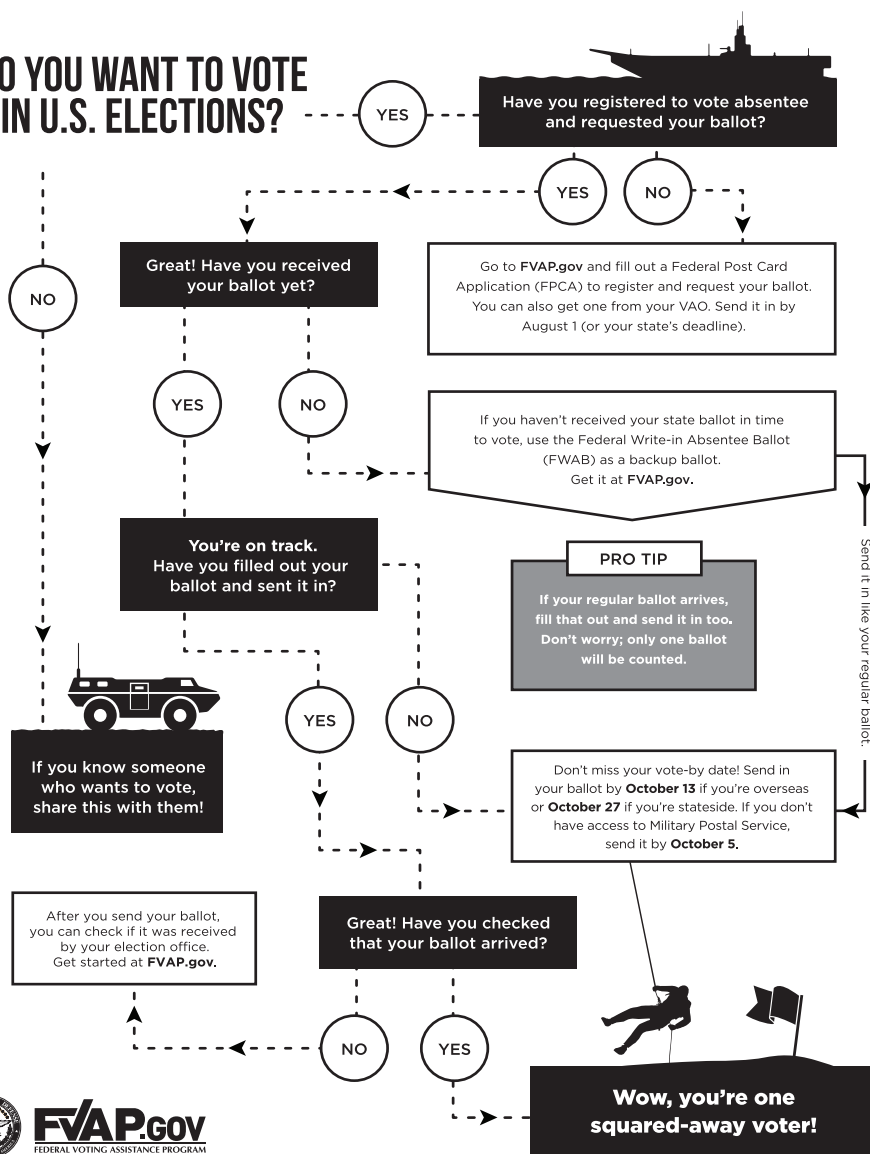
The bomber and heavy aircraft pilots — all volunteers for the duty — train on simulators before deploying and the first time they fly one for real is a combat mission, the Air Force said in a statement marking the airframe's 10,000th sortie in March 2017.

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IG: Flaws found in reporting of readiness of sealift ships

By JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

The Military Sealift Command inaccurately reported the readiness of reserve transport ships, which are crucial for moving large volumes of combat gear in a crisis, a report by the Defense Department Inspector General has found.

The flawed reporting of surge sealift ship readiness means that commanders could base crisis decision-making and planning on bad information, the IG said in a report released on Friday. As a result of the MSC's inaccurate ship readiness reporting, the [U.S. Transportation Command] assessment of surge sealift capability was unreliable and could lead geographic combatant commanders to make incorrect assumptions about the initial availability of equipment and resupply of critical items," the report said.

Surge sealift provides 90% of cargo space needed to meet combatant commanders' operational plan requirements, the re-

‘The inability of a single ship to perform its mission could result in an armored brigade combat team’s equipment not being delivered when expected.’

Defense Department Inspector General’s report

port said. In the event of a large conflict, the fleet would likely be called upon to move weaponry and supplies.

“The inability of a single ship to perform its mission could result in an armored brigade combat team’s equipment not being delivered when expected,” the IG said.

The U.S.’ aging transport fleet has been an area of growing concern for the military, particularly as it focuses on threats posed by China and Russia.

About 60 government-owned transport ships are part of the military’s sealift reserves. In September, dozens of those ships were ordered to sea to determine if reserve transport vessels were able to respond on short notice. U.S.

Transportation Command, which launched the “Turbo Activation” drill, said in a report afterward that only about 40% of the ships had left port without issues.

The inaccuracies in reporting the seaworthiness of reserve ships may have arisen from MSC not having sufficient procedures in place to ensure accurate inspection reports, the IG said.

Part of the problem was that, while MSC officials relied on captains to assess their ships, the findings were never verified or reconciled with other records.

Much of the IG report was redacted, including sections that provided a detailed breakdown of which ships weren’t available because of deficiencies. How-



JENNIFER HUNT/U.S. Navy

The roll-on/roll-off vessel USNS Giliiland participates in a group sail during Turbo Activation in September. The Defense Department Inspector General said in a report that Military Sea Lift Command inaccurately reported the readiness of reserve transport ships.

ever, the IG found “32 instances in which the MSC or U.S. Coast Guard inspectors identified major or no-sail deficiencies that required Category 4 casualty reports,” which means an equipment failure was found.

Between 2017 and 2018, MSC inaccurately reported the readiness of 15 of its ships, the IG said.

The Defense Department spent \$477.8 million between 2016 and 2018 on maintenance and repairs for 35 Maritime Administration surge sealift ships, and plans to spend an additional \$843.9

million through 2022, “without verification that the surge sealift ships are being maintained at the levels expected and will be mission ready when required,” the IG said.

The Maritime Administration, which maintains the National Defense Reserve Fleet, should standardize criteria for ship assessments and develop a plan to verify readiness, the IG recommended.

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US, Poland mark 75 years since troops freed POWs

By IMMANUEL JOHNSON
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HOHENFELS, Germany — On Monday, Americans and Poles commemorated the liberation of the Stalag 383 prisoner of war camp by U.S. soldiers 75 years ago. The camp was set up by Nazi Germany on land that now houses this U.S. Army base.

“On April 24, 1945, the 65th US infantry division under the leadership of Major General Stanley Reishauer came here to Hohenfels,” Lt. Gen. Christopher Cavoli, commanding general of U.S. Army Europe, told the crowd of hundreds at the event.

Mainly British service members were held as prisoners of war at Hohenfels by the Nazi regime, but after it was liberated by the Americans, “This former prisoner of war camp ... became a safe haven ... that provided relief and shelter and medical care to 12,000 displaced Polish citizens for the next five years,” Cavoli said.

The ceremony marking the Americans’ arrival at the camp was held three-quarters of a century to the day that the most notorious Nazi death camp, Auschwitz-Birkenau in southern Poland, was liberated by soldiers

More than a million people were worked to death, died of diseases or were sent straight from the deportation trains to perish in the purpose-built gas chambers at Birkenau during World War II.

from the Soviet Union.

More than a million people were worked to death, died of diseases or were sent straight from the deportation trains to perish in the purpose-built gas chambers at Birkenau during World War II. Most of the people killed at Auschwitz were Jews, but Polish resistance fighters, Catholic priests, homosexuals, gypsies and others were also interned in the death camp between June 1940 and January 1945.

“January 27 is a very important day in our history,” Polish Gener-



IMMANUEL JOHNSON/Stars and Stripes

The monument at Hohenfels, Germany, dedicated to American soldiers who freed POWs at Auschwitz.

al Jaroslaw Mika, commander of the Polish Armed Forces, said at the ceremony.

As Cavoli, Mika and Poland’s Ambassador to NATO Tomasz Szatkowski dedicated a monument to the American soldiers who liberated Stalag 383, Szatkowski praised the U.S. Army in Europe, saying, “They liberated many nations.”

Today, the U.S. and its European allies, including Poland, are working “to strengthen Europe’s eastern flank through our shared commitment to NATO’s enhanced

forward presence,” Cavoli said.

A U.S.-led task force is working with the 15th Polish Mechanized Brigade in Bemowo Piskie, around 50 miles south of the Russian exclave of Kaliningrad, “to ensure security of that corner of our world,” said Cavoli. American troops are also in Turin in central Poland, and Poznan, about 180 miles west of the capital, Warsaw.

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Corporal sentenced for fatal shooting

Portland Press Herald

The U.S. Marine who shot and killed a Marine corporal from Maine nine months ago will spend almost six years in a military prison.

Jeff Houston, a spokesman for the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, said on Sunday night in an email that Cpl. Spencer Daily, 21, of Youngstown, Ohio, was court-martialed on Jan. 6 in South Carolina and was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter in the death of Tyler Patrick Wallingford, 21, of Standish, Maine.

The NCIS said the shooting took place while Daily and Wallingford were playing a video game last spring in Daily’s barracks room.

“Daily claimed that while drinking alcohol and playing a video game with the victim, he pointed his gun and accidentally shot the victim,” NCIS said in a statement.

NCIS said that Daily was sentenced at his general court-martial to 69 months of confinement by the military court after being found guilty of willful discharge of a firearm under circumstances to endanger human life and involuntary manslaughter.

The shooting took place April 12 at the U.S. Marine Corps Air Station in Beaufort, S.C., where Daily and Wallingford were both employed as aircraft ordnance technicians.

NATION

Deaths confirmed in Alabama fire, 35 boats burned

Associated Press

SCOTTSBORO, Ala. — Boaters leaped into the water to escape an explosive fire that consumed at least 35 vessels docked along the Tennessee River early Monday. Authorities said there were fatalities as seven people were sent to hospitals and seven others were initially reported missing.

The blaze was reported shortly after midnight as people living in the boats were sleeping and consumed the wooden dock and an aluminum roof that covered many of the vessels, cutting off escape routes and raining debris into the water.

"There were numerous people rescued from the water who had escaped by going into the water," Jackson County Chief Sheriff's Deputy Rocky Harnen told The Associated Press shortly after dawn. "We're trying to get divers down here to search for possible

victims in the water."

The fire destroyed the B dock, about 50 yards from the A dock where the boat of Mandy Durham and her boyfriend is moored.

"We woke up hearing screams and popping noises," Durham said. "When we woke up, we could see red through the window."

"Within 15 to 20 minutes, the whole dock was in flames," she said. "All these boats have propane tanks and gas tanks, and that's a lot of fire."

People were jumping onto a boat at the end of the dock because fire had consumed the middle portion and that was their only escape. But then the flames spread to that boat, leaving water as their only way out, Durham said.

"Water was the only place they had to go," Durham said. "It's just extremely sad. It's horrible."

Harnen said, "We have some confirmed fatalities, but we don't



JAY REEVES/AP

People on boats patrol near the charred remains of a dock following a fatal fire at a Tennessee River marina in Scottsboro, Ala., on Monday. The blaze was reported shortly after midnight.

have an exact number yet." He added that several of those hospitalized suffered from being in the water, and some were burned.

Scottsboro Fire Chief Gene Necklaus said earlier that seven people were hospitalized and seven others were missing as the fire destroyed at least 35 boats docked in Jackson County Park.

Harnen said officials are trying to account for about seven people

who had places on the dock.

"They had slips here," Harnen. "That doesn't mean they're in the water and it doesn't mean they're dead. We're making attempts to find them."

It's been a challenge for rescuers to reach the victims, Harnen said. "The damage from the dock has fallen on top of the boats, and some of the boats have drifted off," he said. The aluminum roof and

wood structure were destroyed, as were about three dozen boats. Crews also were using booms in an attempt to contain fuel in the water, he said.

Speaking with the AP shortly after dawn, Durham said there were rescue boats on the water. "Everybody is just hoping to find the ones they knew on that dock. There were families there. It's devastating," she said.

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NATION

Kobe Bryant, 8 others killed in copter crash

Fog Sunday led some Calif. police to ground choppers

By STEFANIE DIAZO
Associated Press

CALABASAS, Calif. — The helicopter carrying Kobe Bryant and eight others that crashed into a rugged hillside outside Los Angeles was flying in foggy conditions considered dangerous enough that local police agencies grounded their choppers.

The helicopter plunged into a steep hillside at about 9:45 a.m. on Sunday with an impact that scattered debris over an area the size of a football field and killed all aboard. The accident unleashed an outpouring of grief from admirers around the world, who mourned the sudden loss of the all-time basketball great who spent his entire 20-year career with the Los Angeles Lakers.

Thousands of fans, many wearing Bryant jerseys and chanting his name, gathered outside the Staples Center in downtown Los Angeles, home of the Lakers and the site of Sunday's Grammy Awards where Bryant was honored.

Bryant, 41, who perished with his 13-year-old daughter, Gianna, was one of the game's most popular players and the face of the 16-time NBA champion Lakers.

The cause of the crash was un-



MATT HARTMAN/AP

A man pays respects at a mural of Kobe Bryant in an alley in downtown Los Angeles after word spread of the Lakers star's death in a helicopter crash on Sunday.

known, but conditions at the time were such that the Los Angeles Police Department and the county sheriff's department grounded their helicopters.

The Los Angeles County medical examiner, Dr. Jonathan Lucas, said the rugged terrain complicated efforts to recover the remains. He estimated it would take at least a couple of days to complete that task before identifications can be made.

Bryant's helicopter left Santa Ana in Orange County, south of Los Angeles, shortly after 9 a.m. and circled for a time just east of Interstate 5 near Glendale. Air traffic controllers noted poor vis-

ibility around Burbank, just to the north, and Van Nuys, to the northwest.

After holding up the helicopter for other aircraft, they cleared the Sikorsky S-76 to proceed north along Interstate 5 through Burbank before turning west to follow U.S. Route 101, the Ventura Highway.

Shortly after 9:40 a.m., the helicopter turned again, toward the southeast, and climbed to more than 2,000 feet. It then descended and crashed into the hillside at about 1,400 feet, according to data from Flightradar24.

When it struck the ground, the helicopter was flying at about 184

mph and descending at a rate of more than 4,000 feet per minute, the data showed.

The chopper went down in Calabasas, about 30 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles. Bryant's Mamba Sports Academy in nearby Thousand Oaks was holding a basketball tournament on Sunday.

Federal transportation safety investigators were on their way to the scene. Among other things, they will look at the pilot's history, the chopper's maintenance records and the records of its owner and operator, said NTSB board member Jennifer Homendy at a news conference.

Kurt Deetz, a pilot who used to fly Bryant in the chopper, said the crash was more likely caused by bad weather than engine or mechanical issues.

"The likelihood of a catastrophic twin engine failure on that aircraft — it just doesn't happen," he told the Los Angeles Times.

Justin Green, an aviation attorney in New York who flew helicopters in the Marine Corps, said that pilots can become disoriented in low visibility, losing track of which direction is up. Green said a pilot flying an S-76 would be instrument-rated, meaning that person could fly the helicopter without relying on visual cues from outside.

The National Transportation Safety Board typically issues a preliminary report within about 10 days that will give a rough summary of what investigators have learned. A ruling on the cause can take a year or more.

Among those killed in the crash were John Altobelli, 56, longtime head coach of Southern California's Orange Coast College baseball team, his wife, Kerri, and daughter, Alyssa, who played on the same basketball team as Bryant's daughter, said Altobelli's brother, Tony, who is the sports information director at the school.

Costa Mesa Mayor Katrina Foley tweeted that the dead also included Christina Mauser, a girls' basketball coach at a nearby private elementary school.

Weinstein accuser says he was 'offended' by her rebuff

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NEW YORK — Harvey Weinstein "got offended" when his repeated advances were rebuffed, Mimi Haley testified on Monday when she took the witness stand as one of the key accusers whose allegations of sexual assault led to charges and the trial of the former movie mogul.

Haley, a former production assistant, testified that before the alleged assault, Weinstein showed up at her apartment and begged her to join him a trip to Paris for a fashion show. She said he wouldn't take no for an answer.

"At one point, because I just didn't know how to shut it down so to speak ... I said, 'You know you have a terrible reputation with women, I've heard,'" Haley said.

The then-revered Hollywood honcho "got offended," she said. "He stepped back and said, 'What have you heard?'"

Asked by prosecutor Meghan Hast if she had any romantic or sexual interest in Weinstein, Haley firmly answered, "Not at all, no."

Weinstein, 67, is charged with forcibly performing oral sex on Haley in his New York City apartment in 2006 and raping another

woman, an aspiring actress, in a Manhattan hotel room in 2013. He insists any sexual encounters were consensual.

The 42-year-old Haley, whose legal name is Miriam Haley, is the first of the two women whose accusations are at the heart of the charges against Weinstein to take the stand at the closely watched #MeToo-era trial, which is in its fourth day of testimony.

Last week, "Sopranos" actress Annabella Sciorra testified that Weinstein overpowered and raped her after barging into her apartment in the mid-1990s. While outside the statute of limitations for criminal charges, Sciorra's allegations could be a factor as prosecutors look to prove Weinstein has engaged in a pattern of predatory behavior.

Haley went public with her allegations at an October 2017 news conference, appearing in front of cameras alongside lawyer Gloria Allred, who also represents Sciorra and other Weinstein accusers.

Haley, born in England and raised in Sweden, said that she met Weinstein while in her 20s at the 2004 London premiere of the Leonardo DiCaprio film "The Aviator."

They crossed paths again at the Cannes Film Festival in 2006 and, when she expressed interest

in working on one of his productions, he invited her to his hotel room and asked for a massage.

She declined, saying she felt "extremely humiliated."

"I felt stupid because I was so excited to go see him and he treated me that way," she testified.

More meetings followed, and Weinstein secured Haley a job helping on the set of "Project Runway," the reality competition show he produced. Later, she said, he invited her to attend a fashion show in Paris, but she declined by bringing up his sketchy reputation.

The alleged assault occurred at Weinstein's Soho apartment after he sent a car to pick Haley up for what she thought was a friendly meeting about her career, she said at the 2017 news conference.

Instead, she said, Weinstein pushed her onto a bed and forced his mouth onto her genitals. She said she tried to get him to stop, even telling him she was menstruating, but he wouldn't relent.

"I was mortified. I was in disbelief and disgusted," she said.

In opening statements, Hast said that there was a subsequent hotel room encounter that Haley didn't reveal in 2017. Hast said that though Haley didn't want to have intercourse with Weinstein, she kept still and "let him

degrade her."

The Associated Press does not typically identify people who say they have been victims of sexual assault, unless they agree to be named as Haley and Sciorra have.

In testifying, Haley will have to deal with a defense team that said it plans to confront Weinstein's accusers with their own words — messages they exchanged with Weinstein well after the alleged assaults.

Weinstein's lawyers argue the positive-sounding emails and texts call into question the accusers' accounts.

The jury of seven men and five women also heard testimony from Dr. Barbara Ziv, a forensic psychiatrist who said that most sex assault victims continue to have contact with their attackers, often under threat of retaliation if the victims tell anyone what happened.

Some of Haley's messages were made public last year when Weinstein's lawyers sought to get his case dismissed. One sent to Weinstein's phone in 2007 reads: "Hi! Just wondering if u have any news on whether Harvey will have time to see me before he leaves? X Miriam."

Mother of missing kids found in Hawaii

Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Police say that the mother of two missing children has been found in Hawaii, along with her new husband, but the children still have not been located. Neither has been charged or arrested yet.

The Kauai Police Department announced on Sunday that Lori Vallow and Chad Daybell had been staying on Kauai, and that they were served with a legal document on Saturday ordering Lori Vallow to produce the children. On Sunday, police executed a search warrant.

Seventeen-year-old Tylee Ryan and 7-year-old Joshua "JJ" Vallow have been missing since September 2019. Police say their mother and her new husband, Chad Daybell, initially lied to investigators about where the children were. When police returned to their home in Idaho to question them, the adults had disappeared.

NATION

Democrats demand Bolton testify at impeachment trial

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Pressure is increasing on senators to call John Bolton to testify at President Donald Trump's impeachment trial after the revelation that a draft of a book by the former national security adviser undercuts a key defense argument — that Trump never tied withholding military aid to Ukraine to his demand the country help investigate political rival Joe Biden.

Bolton writes in the forthcoming book that Trump told him he wanted to withhold hundreds of millions of dollars in security aid from Ukraine until it helped him with investigations into Biden. Trump's legal team has repeatedly insisted otherwise, and Trump tweeted on Monday that he never told Bolton such a thing.

Republican senators faced a pivotal moment as they arrived on Capitol Hill to resume Trump's trial. Democrats are demanding sworn testimony from Bolton and other key witnesses, and pressure is mounting on at least four Republicans to buck GOP leaders and form a bipartisan majority to force the issue.

"John Bolton's relevance to our decision has become increasingly clear," GOP Sen. Mitt Romney, of Utah, told reporters. Sen. Susan Collins, of Maine, said she has always wanted "the opportunity for really, the report about Bolton's book 'strengthens the case.'"

But several GOP senators who met privately with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said nothing had changed. McConnell declined to comment.

"Really, there's nothing new here," said Sen. John Barrasso, of Wyoming, the No. 3 Republican. He dismissed the new information as an "effort to sell books."

Before any vote on witnesses, Trump's legal team was to

make its case in depth on Monday, turning to several high-profile attorneys to argue against impeachment.

The team laid out the broad outlines of its defense in a rare Saturday session, at which they accused House Democrats of using the impeachment case to try to undo the results of the last presidential election and drive Trump from office.

The White House has had Bolton's manuscript for about a month, and has challenged his use of certain material it considers classified, according to a letter from Bolton's attorney.

Democrats are saying that Trump's refusal to allow administration officials to testify in the impeachment proceeding only reinforces that the White House is hiding evidence.

Senate Democratic leader Charles Schumer said, "We're all staring a White House cover-up in the face."

Schumer drew on polls that show the public wants to hear from witnesses. "We want the truth," he said. "So do the American people."

Rep. Adam Schiff, who is leading the House prosecution team, called Bolton's account a test for the senators sitting as jurors.

"I don't know how you can explain that you wanted a search for the truth in this trial and say you don't want to hear from a witness who had a direct conversation about the central allegation in the articles of impeachment," Schiff said on CNN.

Four Republicans would have to break ranks to join Democrats to call any witnesses, which would extend the trial, which has been expected to conclude fairly rapidly. The Republicans hold a 53-47 Senate majority.

Bolton's account was first reported by The New York Times and was confirmed to The Asso-

ciated Press by a person familiar with the manuscript on the condition of anonymity. "The Room Where It Happened, A White House Memoir" is to be released March 17.

John Ulyot, a spokesman for the National Security Council that Bolton used to lead, said the manuscript was submitted to the NSC for "pre-publication review" and had been under initial review.

"No White House personnel outside NSC have reviewed the manuscript," he said.

When the Times report went online Sunday night, the seven House Democratic managers immediately called on all senators to insist that Bolton be called as a witness and provide his notes and other relevant documents.

Trump denied the claims in a series of tweets early Monday.

"I NEVER told John Bolton that the aid to Ukraine was tied to investigations into Democrats, including the Bidens," Trump said. "If John Bolton said this, it was only to sell a book."

Trump said people could look at transcripts of his call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to see there was no pressure for such investigations to get the aid. In that call, Trump asked Zelenskyy to "do us a favor" while the investigations as he was withholding nearly \$400 million in military aid to the U.S. ally at war with Russia.

Trump falsely claimed Monday that the Democrat-controlled House "never even asked John Bolton to testify." Democrats did ask Bolton to testify, but he didn't show up for his deposition. They later declined to subpoena Bolton, as they had others, because he threatened to sue, which could lead to a prolonged court battle.

Schiff said Bolton — known to be a copious notetaker — should also provide documents.



JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

A woman votes in Sandy Springs, Ga., in May 2018.

US faces new election threats even after 2016

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It's been more than three years since Russia's sweeping and systematic effort to interfere in U.S. elections through disinformation on social media, stolen campaign emails and attacks on voting systems. U.S. officials have made advances in trying to prevent similar attacks from undermining the 2020 vote, but the potential threats have increased and some old problems have not been addressed.

The threat: The threat has expanded considerably. U.S. intelligence chiefs say potential threats aren't just from Russia, but also from China, Iran and North Korea.

In addition, there have been indications that hostile foreign governments might disguise their attacks to make them appear to be caused by other hackers. Campaigns and state and local election systems remain attractive targets, and social media is still a convenient method for sowing divisions.

Voting machines: Some state and local election offices have been upgrading old and vulnerable voting equipment.

But as many as 12% of voters

nationally, or an estimated 16 million people, will continue to use electronic-only machines, according to an analysis by the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU's Law School.

A Senate report urged states to ensure that all ballots are cast on machines that produce paper records, allowing voters to verify their selections. But legislation that would require states to make the switch has stalled.

Social media: Since 2016, social media platforms have invested in efforts to combat misinformation, identify online impostors and root out foreign interference in domestic elections.

Twitter stopped accepting political ads, while Facebook began verifying the identity of ad buyers in 2018 and further tightened its rules last year.

Google has made it harder for advertisers to target audiences based on specific characteristics such as their voting record or political affiliation.

The changes haven't satisfied critics, who say the platforms and their policies, and a lack of action by the government, leave the U.S. open to additional disinformation campaigns in 2020 — from both foreign and domestic sources.

Organization becomes critical factor in final week before Iowa vote

By ALEXANDRA JAFFE

Associated Press

ANKENY, Iowa — At nearly 9 p.m. on Saturday, Samy Ankhie was about to head back to his office after braving 20-degree temperatures to knock on doors for three hours in East Des Moines. But the 20-year-old field organizer knocked on one more door and was rewarded by convincing the resident to be a test leader for Bernie Sanders at a nearby caucus location.

"When you think you can't go any more — that house is too far away, it looks really icy down the street — just remember that every single person you've talked to, the odds are they haven't been pulled in by us or by anyone," he told a crowd of nearly 100 Sand-

ers volunteers on Sunday, aiming to rally them to head out into the cold yet again to knock on doors for the Vermont senator.

One week before the Iowa caucuses, Ankhie is one of hundreds of campaign staffers and volunteers fanning out across the state doing the behind-the-scenes work that can lead a candidate to victory. A White House hopeful's ground game is always important, but perhaps never more so than this year when Sanders and three other leading contenders are feverishly working to break free from a clustered top tier in Iowa.

Paul Tewes, who was Barack Obama's 2008 Iowa state director, said at this point in the campaign, the organization is "everything."

"There's an old saying in cam-

paigns: People come to the campaigns because of the candidate [and] they stay because of the organization," he said.

For Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, a sophisticated organization could counter signals from some polls that her late-summer strength in Iowa has waned. She reportedly has 150 staffers on the ground and has been organizing since last spring, with staffers hosting weekly coffee shop get-togethers and movie nights across Iowa to get voters engaged with her campaign. An endorsement this weekend from the state's largest newspaper, The Des Moines Register, could also provide a boost.

Pete Buttigieg's campaign says over 5,000 of its supporters from all of Iowa's 99 counties have at-

tended one of their caucus trainings. During one such event in Ottumwa, Travis Brock, Buttigieg's national caucus director and a veteran operative in Iowa and Nevada, walked the volunteers through everything from math to how to approach undecided participants.

"To come in too hard, he said, "they are going to tense up, they are going to draw away from you and they are going to fall more deeply into whatever position they held and be harder to convince," he said.

Sen. Amy Klobuchar, who's hoping to harness a late surge in interest in her campaign, recently held organizing events in every one of Iowa's 99 counties in a single day, and has sent surrogates to visit "satellite" caucus

sites, the locations set up at nursing homes and other locations meant to make the caucuses more accessible.

Some campaigns are doing more unorthodox events. A volunteer for businessman Andrew Yang held a Chinese New Year's party for supporters of the businessman in the small northern Iowa town of Northwood on Saturday night. Jane Podgorniak, the Democratic chair in the county, said that she believes his volunteers are even helping him win over Republicans.

"They're smart and everybody loves 'em," she said. "I even have a friend who's a strong Trump supporter tell me the other day just wants to caucus for Andrew Yang because she liked his volunteers so much."

WORLD

Mongolia closes border as virus spreads

By Joe McDonald
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BEIJING — China on Monday expanded its sweeping efforts to contain a deadly virus, extending the Lunar New Year holiday to keep the public at home and avoid spreading infection as the death toll rose to 81.

Mongolia closed its vast border with China, and Hong Kong and Malaysia announced they would bar entry to visitors from the Chinese province at the center of the outbreak following a warning by medical officials that the virus's ability to spread was growing. Travel agencies were ordered to cancel group tours nationwide, adding to the rising economic losses.

Stock markets around the world as the lockdown in Chinese cities was expected to stifle travel, shopping and business for millions of people. Though markets in much of Asia, including China, were closed for the Lunar New Year, they slumped more than 2% in Japan and across Europe. Wall Street was expected to drop on the open and the international price of oil was down a sharp 4%.

China's increasingly drastic containment efforts began with the Jan. 22 suspension of plane, train and bus links to Wuhan, a city of 11 million people in central China where the virus was first detected last month. That lockdown has expanded to 17 cities



MARK SCHIEFELBUS/AP

Paramilitary police wear face masks as they stand guard at Tiananmen Gate adjacent to Tiananmen Square in Beijing, on Monday.

with more than 50 million people in the most far-reaching disease-control measures ever imposed.

The end of the Lunar New Year holiday, China's busiest travel season, was pushed back to Sunday from Thursday to "reduce mass gatherings" and "block the spread of the epidemic," a Cabinet statement said.

The government of Shanghai, a metropolis of 25 million people and a global business center, ex-

tended the Lunar New Year holiday by an additional week within the city to Feb. 9. It ordered sports stadiums to close and religious events to cancel.

Tens of millions of people in China and around Asia had been due to crowd into planes, trains and buses to return to work after visiting their hometowns or tourist sites for the holiday. Schools will postpone reopening until further notice, the Cabinet said.

The death toll rose Monday when the southern island province of Hainan in the South China Sea reported its first fatality, an 80-year-old woman whose family arrived from Wuhan on Jan. 17.

Hubei province, where Wuhan is located, has accounted for 76 of the deaths reported so far. There have been one each in Shanghai and the provinces of Hebei in the north, Heilongjiang in the northeast and Henan in central China.

Caution: Military advises care to S. Korea-based troops amid local case

FROM FRONT PAGE

"There has been a recent global outbreak of a new virus spreading from Wuhan (China) with four confirmed cases in Korea and one of the four patients, who resides in Pyeongyang, being admitted to Seoul National University hospital for observation and treatment," the USFK notice said.

"There are no known cases where the virus is being trans-

mitted from person to person in Korea," it added. "Be advised that this is cold and flu season and the coronavirus shares similar symptoms." Symptoms include fever, cold spells, coughs and difficulty breathing.

The military urged people experiencing those symptoms to "seek US medical care/treatment" and to "call ahead to the medical clinic to advise them of recent travels

and current symptoms."

Other guidelines included wearing masks or covering your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeves when coughing or sneezing and washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

It also advised people to "avoid nonessential travel to Wuhan and China if possible," and to avoid travel or contact with others

while sick.

China has implemented sweeping efforts to contain the viral disease as the death toll in the country rose to 80. Several infections also have been confirmed in other countries and in the U.S., including in Washington, Illinois, California and Arizona.

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Turkish rescuers recover last quake victims; 41 dead

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Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkish emergency teams on Monday recovered the bodies of the last two missing quake victims from the rubble of a collapsed building, raising the death toll from the powerful tremor that hit eastern Turkey to 41.

The magnitude 6.8 earthquake that struck Friday night also injured more than 1,600 others, authorities said. At least 45 survivors have been pulled out of the rubble alive.

Rescue teams on Monday drilled through the rubble in the eastern city of Elazig, trying to reach a mix of 75-year-old woman and another person, as



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Emergency workers gather to pay respect for the victims of Friday's earthquake in Elazig, eastern Turkey, on Monday.

relatives waited nearby. Interior Minister Suleyman Soylu and Mehmet Gulluglu, the head of

the Turkish disaster management agency, later announced that their bodies were pulled out

from the debris.

The body of a third missing person was pulled out of the same collapsed structure overnight.

Television footage showed scores of emergency workers gathered in a circle near the rubble to pray for the victims before the search-and-rescue mission was formally called off.

The quake destroyed 76 buildings and damaged more than 1,000 others, forcing survivors to take refuge in tents, mosques, schools, sports halls and student dormitories. Authorities warned people not to return to homes that could be unsafe.

Health Minister Fahrettin Koca said 86 people injured by the quake remained hospitalized on Monday.

Portugal military catch cocaine yacht in storm

LISBON, Portugal — An international drug operation involving authorities from six countries captured a yacht carrying almost 2 metric tons of cocaine in the middle of an Atlantic storm.

Portugal's navy and air force took part in the seizure, with a street value of more than \$77 million, amid "very difficult weather conditions," a Portuguese police statement said Monday.

The Portuguese operation was supported by police in Brazil, the U.S., Britain, France and Spain.

Aging Iran airliner lands on highway, 2 injured

TEHRAN, Iran — An aging Iranian passenger airliner carrying 144 people crash-landed on a runway and skidded onto a major highway next to an airport Monday, the latest crash in the Islamic Republic as U.S. sanctions bar it from parts or new aircraft.

Authorities said two people suffered injuries in the hard landing of the McDonnell Douglas MD-83 flown by Caspian Airlines in Mahshahr, a city in Iran's oil-rich southwestern Khuzestan province.

Iranian state television said the plane involved in Monday's crash-landing came in harder than usual and lost its landing gear as it hit the tarmac.

Death toll from Brazil rainstorms rises to 53

RIO DE JANEIRO — The death toll caused by record rainfall in southeastern Brazil jumped to 53 Sunday and officials expressed alarm about continuing storms.

At least 44 people had died in the state of state of Minas Gerais and nine more in neighboring Espirito Santo, according to local disaster officials, who said 19 people remained missing.

Some 20,000 people had been evacuated due to the threat of floods and landslides.

State Gov. Gustavo Zema declared a state of emergency in 99 cities, a measure meant to facilitate federal disaster aid.

Portugal hacker says he exposed African tycoon

LISBON, Portugal — A Portuguese hacker is claiming responsibility for leaking confidential documents implicating the billionaire daughter of a former prominent African leader in alleged murky international business deals.

Lawyers for Rui Pinto, who is in a Lisbon jail awaiting trial in a separate case, said in a statement Monday he gave the information about Isabel dos Santos to the Platform to Protect Whistleblowers in Africa, an advocacy group based in Paris, in 2018.

Dos Santos is a daughter of Angola's former president Jose Eduardo dos Santos and is reputedly Africa's richest woman after holding top jobs in Angola and a high-profile international career.

From The Associated Press

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Patio chair falls 12 stories, hits woman

NY NEW YORK — A woman was hospitalized on Saturday when a chair fell off a 12th-story balcony in New York City and hit her on the head, police said.

The incident happened at about 2:30 p.m. in the Union Square neighborhood of Manhattan. The wooden patio chair was apparently swept off the balcony during a steady rainstorm. It hit a 23-year-old woman and a parked car.

The woman, who was not identified, was taken to Bellevue Hospital for treatment of a laceration to her head.

"She was passed out," witness Patrice Demay told the New York Post. "We thought she was dead. It really hit her hard."

Easter bunny arrested after hit-and-run

FL ORLANDO — A Florida man who became a video sensation after fighting a man on the street while dressed as the Easter Bunny was arrested and tried to use the costume to elude capture, authorities said.

Earlier this month, Antoine McDonald was driving a motorcycle when he ran a stop sign and crashed into a carport before fleeing the scene, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

Deputies went to McDonald's address and spotted a gray car driving away and found McDonald laying in the backseat of the car. When a deputy went to arrest him, he denied it.

"I was in any crash. I'm the Orlando Easter bunny. Google it," he said, according to an arrest report.

Police unable to help woman stalked by drone

ME GORHAM — A Maine woman who was harassed by a drone for two days said police told her they could do nothing about it.

Mary Dunkan said a drone tracked her in her car on Tuesday as she drove to a gas station, where she called police, and then to her home in Gorham. It followed her 8 miles to her brother's house in Standish the following day.

It was an "unnerving" experience, she said. "The officer arrived and said, 'Yeah, I see it. I don't know what to tell you, though. We can't do too much,'" she said.

Some states have laws that make it a crime to use drones for surveillance that violates a person's reasonable expectation of privacy, but Maine is not one of them, the Portland Press Herald reported.

Man gets probation in soda rebate scheme

TX HOUSTON — A Houston man was sentenced to five years probation for participating in a rebate scheme that defrauded soda giant Dr. Pepper/Seven Up Inc. of more than \$1 million.



QUENTIN WINSTINE, THE JONESBORO (ARK.) SUN/AP

Polar Plunge fundraiser

Paragould Police Officer Kenny Hall uses a slide as other members of the Paragould Police Department jump into the water of Lake Ponder during the Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics Arkansas Area 1 on Saturday at Crowley's Ridge State Park. The event helped raise more than \$13,000 to benefit Special Olympics Arkansas.

Joseph A. Isaac was sentenced during a court hearing in federal court on Wednesday. He had pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit mail fraud in September. Prosecutors said Isaac's company was in charge of a rebate campaign by Dr. Pepper that paid money to customers who returned bottle caps and paid vendors who agreed to switch to Dr. Pepper Snapple Group products in restaurants and convenience store soda dispensers.

Authorities said Isaac, 54, failed to pay the rebates from 2010 to 2015 and instead pocketed the money.

Woman accused of beating 93-year-old

LA BATON ROUGE — Charges have been upgraded against a Louisiana woman accused of beating a 93-year-old grandmother in an alleged assault caught on video.

Lottie Morgan, 57, faces a charge of aggravated second-degree battery and an abuse charge.

In a short video shared online and with police, Morgan is allegedly seen beating a person with a belt inside a home earlier this month. Family member Lenny Morgan told WAFB-TV that he recorded the video. He said that Lottie Morgan has been the 93-year-old's caregiver.

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The approximate number of fentanyl pills that were seized by a federal task force in Phoenix. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration office for Arizona said in a statement on Thursday that the seizure was part of a drug trafficking investigation that resulted in the arrest of 24-year-old Marcelino Ontiveros Quintero and Norma Ibarra Justo. The DEA said the seizure of fentanyl pills known as "Mexican oys" was among the largest ever in Arizona.

Lottie Morgan was arrested on Jan. 12 and charged with cruelty to persons with infirmities, news outlets reported. She posted a \$1,500 bond, and Lenny Morgan said she then returned to the same home as the grandmother she's accused of beating.

Three left on court after basketball brawl

DE LEWES — A high school basketball game in Delaware devolved into a three-on-three contest after a bench-clearing brawl, and only three of those players were left on the court at the buzzer.

Thursday's game ended with only one player on the court for Cape Henlopen High School and two for Sussex Tech. Sussex Tech won the game 63-62.

Media outlets reported that Cape Henlopen, the home team, was leading 39-27 with about four minutes left in the third quarter when a fight broke out. Players

from both benches rushed onto the court, resulting in most of them being ejected.

Sussex Tech released a statement saying that it is working with Cape Henlopen to review the incident, and that school administrators are investigating and will take appropriate action.

Drywall screws spill causes traffic closure

AK ANCHORAGE — Thousands of drywall screws that fell onto a busy Alaska road punctured tires and caused police to close off traffic until the mess was cleaned up.

The 1¼-inch drywall screws were strewn onto Eagle River Loop Road on Thursday afternoon, the Anchorage Daily News reported. Police did not immediately determine the cause of the spill.

The road is one of the main entryways into Eagle River, a community within the municipality

of Anchorage. The screws punctured some tires immediately, forcing drivers to the side of the road. Other drivers found screws after arriving at their homes.

The Anchorage Police Department issued an alert at about 3:20 p.m. advising people to avoid the area. Municipal crews, some using small hand tools, picked up the screws and the road reopened at about 5 p.m.

Sheriff's office names 1st female deputy chief

AL BIRMINGHAM — The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office announced on Friday that Felicia Rucker-Summerlin was named deputy chief, the first woman in that position in the agency's 200-year history, news outlets reported.

"It really hasn't hit me yet," Rucker-Summerlin said. "I was shocked. When you think 200 years, and here I am."

In an interview with AL.com, Rucker-Summerlin said that she took advantage of every leadership training opportunity and worked a variety of assignments. She took steps to make sure no one could tell her she wasn't qualified for any position.

"I didn't want (it) just because I was female or just because I was black," Rucker-Summerlin said. "I wanted it because I'm qualified."

From wire reports

FACES

Billie has Grammys' number

At 18, Eilish sweeps all 4 top awards for the first time since 1981

By DAVID BAUDER

Associated Press

Singer Billie Eilish, who gave voice to young people struggling with depression on a do-it-yourself album she made at home with her older brother, is atop the music world.

The 18-year-old made history at the Grammy Awards on Sunday. Not only did she become the youngest person to win one of Grammy's top awards — record, song and album of the year, and best new artist — Eilish is the first artist to sweep all four since Christopher Cross in 1981.

Her triumph came on a night made sadder by the death of former Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant. It also ended a tumultuous week for the Recording Academy that included its ousted CEO accusing the Grammys nominations process of being rigged, and Diddy calling out the organization for not giving enough respect to R&B and hip-hop.

Eilish's "When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?" also won best pop vocal album. Her brother Finneas O'Connell also won awards for engineering and producing the album.

"The music I listened to when I was growing up, maybe 7, 8, 9 or 10, 13, that was the most important music to me forever," Finneas said backstage after the ceremony. "Anytime a person that age comes up to either one of us and says (it is their favorite), I know how much that means to them. That's why it means so much to me. I hope they're celebrating. This is all because of them."

He said that they never thought that an album that addresses depression, suicidal thoughts and climate change would be up for a Grammy.

Eilish noted that they made the album in a bedroom of the Los Angeles-area home where they grew up in.

"It's like anything is possible," she said.

In accepting her awards, Eilish noted that she had grown up listening to many of the artists at the ceremony in Los Angeles' Staples Center. She also said she thought Ariana Grande deserved album of the year, an onstage moment that recalled Adele saying the same thing about Beyoncé the same year Adele triumphed.

The success of a young, white girl came on a night the Recording Academy seemingly went out of its way to highlight diversity. Lizzo offered a powerhouse opening performance, and there were tributes to Prince and the late rapper Nipsey Hussle. Tyler, the Creator offered an incendiary version

of "Earquake" with Boyz II Men. Lil Nas X sang his omnipresent "Old Town Road." Grande sang, as did H.E.R., host Alicia Keys and Gary Clark Jr. with the Roots.

Tyler, the Creator said later that the rap album Grammy was a backhanded compliment.

While he's grateful to be acknowledged, "it also sucks whenever we, I mean guys that look like me, do anything that's genre bending, they always put it in an urban rapper category," he said. "I don't like that urban word. It's just a politically correct way to say the N-word to me."

Earlier in the show, Keys sat at a piano to sing a rewrite of Lewis Capaldi's song, "Someone You Loved" that name-checked many of the nominated artists but also included a few pointed lines about respect.

"I'm gonna be honest with y'all," she said. "It's been a helluva week."

Keys also had the delicate task of addressing the shock of Bryant's death in a helicopter crash, while onstage at the same arena where the former Laker won championships.

She sang "It's So Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday" with Boyz II Men. References to Bryant abounded — a Lakers jersey held up by Run-DMC during their performance of "Walk This Way" with Aerosmith, and adorning a couch on a set where Lil Nas X began "Old Town Road."

"We're all feeling crazy sadness right now," said Keys, who received praise online for how she handled it.

"Alicia, you've been lighting this awards show up," rapper Common said onstage. "Thank you."

Besides her big opening, Lizzo took home three Grammys, including best pop solo performance for "Truth Hurts" and two R&B awards. She also seemed noticeably affected by Bryant's death.

"We need to continue to reach out," she told her fellow artists. "This is the beginning of making music that moves people again."

Clark's pointed "This



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Lizzo picked up three Grammy awards, including best pop solo performance for "Truth Hurts."

Land" also won for best rock song and rock performance, and he won a third for contemporary blues album.

Among the show's more touching moments was Tyler, the Creator bringing his tearful mother onstage with him to accept his Grammy. Singer Demi Lovato made a comeback appearance after her reported overdose, singing a song she said was written in the troubled days before that event. Camila Cabello sang "First Man," a song dedicated to her father, and received a bear hug from a sobbing dad when it was done.

DJ Khaled helped lead the emotional tribute to Hussle, the Los Angeles rapper who was gunned down in March, not long after attending his first Grammy ceremony as a nominee. On Sunday, Hussle won two posthumous Grammys.

Tyler, the Creator; Lizzo and, of course, Eilish were among the acts who won their first-ever Grammys. Other first-time winners included Tanya Tucker, J. Cole, Lil Nas X, Billy Ray Cyrus, Michelle Obama, Sara Bareilles, Rosalía and 21 Savage.

Gospel legend Kirk Franklin received his 14th and 15th career Grammys.

'It's like anything is possible.'

Billie Eilish

on the success of "When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?" which she and her brother made in a bedroom of their home

Grammy Award winners

Record of the year: "Bad Guy," Billie Eilish
Album of the year: "When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?" Billie Eilish
Best new artist: Billie Eilish

Best rap/sung performance: "Higher," DJ Khaled featuring Nipsey Hussle and John Legend
Best rap album: "Igor," Tyler, the Creator
Best comedy album: "Sticks & Stones," Dave Chapelle

Best country duo/group performance: "Speechless," Dan + Shay
Best pop solo performance: "Truth Hurts," Lizzo

Best pop vocal album: "When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?" Billie Eilish
Best pop duo/group performance: "Old Town Road," Lil Nas X featuring Billy Ray Cyrus
Best traditional pop vocal album: "Look Now," Elvis Costello & The Imposters

Best R&B album: "Ventura," Anderson .Paak
Best urban contemporary album: "Cuz I Love You," Lizzo
Best R&B song: "Say So," PJ Morton featuring JoJo

Best traditional R&B performance: "Jerome," Lizzo
Best R&B performance: "Come Home," Anderson .Paak featuring Andre 3000
Best rock song: "This Land," Gary Clark Jr.
Best rock performance: "This Land," Gary Clark Jr.

Best contemporary blues album: "This Land," Gary Clark Jr.
Best rock album: "Social Cues," Cage the Elephant
Best spoken word album: "Becoming," Michelle Obama

Best American roots performance: "Saint Honesty," Sara Bareilles
Best alternative music album: "Father of the Year," Vampire Weekend
Producer of the year, non-classical: Finneas

Best music film: "Homecoming," Beyoncé
Best country album: "While I'm Livin'," Tanya Tucker
Best country song: "Bring My Flowers Now," Tanya Tucker

Best country solo performance: "Ride Me Back Home," Willie Nelson
Best rap song: "A Lot," 21 Savage featuring J. Cole
Best rap performance: "Racks in the Middle," Nipsey Hussle, featuring Roddy Ricch & Hit-Boy

Best musical theater album: "Hedwigston"
Best metal performance: "7empst," Tool
Best world music album: "Celia," Angelique Kidjo

Best roots gospel album: "Testimony," Gloria Gaynor
Best music video: "Old Town Road (Official Movie)," Lil Nas X featuring Billy Ray Cyrus
Best dance/electronic album: "No Geography," Chemical Brothers

Best dance recording: "Got to Keep On," Chemical Brothers
Best score soundtrack for visual media: Hildur Guðnadóttir, "Chernobyl"
Best contemporary instrumental album: "Metatavolúon," Rodrigo y Gabriela

Best reggae album: "Rapture," Koffee
Best folk album: "Patty Griffin," Patty Griffin
Best recording package: "Chris Cornell," Chris Cornell

Best compilation soundtrack for visual media: "A Star Is Born"
Best song written for visual media: "I'll Never Love Again," Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper
Best jazz vocal album: "12 Little Spells," Esperanza Spalding

Best engineered album, non-classical: "When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?" Billie Eilish
Best gospel performance/song: "Love Theorem," Kirk Franklin

Best gospel album: "Long Live Love," Kirk Franklin
Best Latin pop album: "#ElDisco," Alejandro Sanz
Best opera recording: "Plicker: Fantastic Mr. Fox"

From The Associated Press

Billie Eilish displays her Grammy awards for best album, best pop vocal album, best song, best record and best new artist Sunday in Los Angeles.

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WORLD

Auschwitz survivors return 75 years later

Associated Press

OSWIECIM, Poland — Survivors of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp recalled their suffering as they marked the 75th anniversary of its liberation, returning to the place where they lost entire families and warning about the ominous growth of anti-Semitism and hatred in the world.

"We have with us the last living survivors, the last among those who saw the Holocaust with their own eyes," Polish President Andrzej Duda told the dignitaries at the commemoration, which included the German president as well as Jewish, Christian and Muslim leaders.

"The magnitude of the crime perpetrated in this place is terrifying but we must not look away from it and we must never forget it," Duda said.

About 200 camp survivors attended, many of them elderly Jews and non-Jews who traveled from Israel, the United States, Australia, Peru, Russia, Slovenia and elsewhere. Many lost parents and grandparents in Auschwitz or other Nazi death camps, but were joined by children, grandchildren and even great-grandchildren.

They gathered under an enormous, heat-

ed tent straddling the train tracks that had transported people to Birkenau, the part of the vast complex where most of the murdered Jews were killed in gas chambers and then cremated. Auschwitz was liberated by the Soviet army on Jan. 27, 1945.

Jewish survivors told their stories, as did a Sinti, or Gypsy, woman who is now blind and delivered a few words that she said were "spoken from the heart" before having someone else read them.

Most of the 1.1 million people murdered by the Nazi German forces at the camp were Jews, but other Poles, Russians and Roma were imprisoned there. Polish survivors walked with Duda through the camp's gate early Monday wearing striped scarves that recalled the prison garb they wore more than 75 years ago.

World leaders gathered in Jerusalem last week to mark the anniversary in what many saw as a competing observance. Among them were Russian President Vladimir Putin, U.S. Vice President Mike Pence, French President Emmanuel Macron and Britain's Prince Charles.

Politics intruded on that event, with Duda boycotting it in protest after Putin



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Survivors carry a wreath at the Auschwitz-Birkenau Nazi death camp in Oswiecim, Poland, on Monday, as they marked the 75th anniversary of its liberation.

claimed that Poland played a role in triggering World War II. Duda had wanted a chance to speak before or after Putin to defend his nation's record in face of those false accusations, but he was not given a speaking slot in Jerusalem.

Those claims come as many countries across Eastern Europe have in recent years been mythologizing their own people's behavior during the war and suppressing knowledge of wrongdoing, something Poland's government, too, has been criticized

for.

Monday's commemoration gave Duda a chance to defend his nation, and he used it to recall how Poland was invaded and occupied, losing 6 million of its citizens in the war, half of them Jews. He recalled how Poland fought the Germans on several fronts, warned the world in vain about the genocide of the Jews, and for decades has been a responsible custodian of Auschwitz and other sites of the German atrocities.

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OPINION

GOP senators balk at visual of their predicament

By DOYLE MCNAMUS
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For most of President Donald Trump's impeachment trial last week, it was difficult from the Senate gallery to know how many senators were paying attention. Some wandered frequently out of the room. Some appeared to doze in their seats. At least one, Rand Paul, of Kentucky, did crossword puzzles.

But on Friday evening, when Rep. Adam Schiff, the House's lead prosecutor, delivered an impassioned summation of his case, the senators sat upright and alert. Schiff had been eloquent before, but this was his last chance to persuade Republican senators to break with the president.

"Moral courage is a rarer commodity than bravery in battle," Schiff said, quoting Robert F. Kennedy. "Real political courage doesn't come from disagreeing with our opponents but from disagreeing with our friends and with our own party."

The California Democrat acknowledged that while it was easy for him to criticize Trump, Republicans could pay a price for doing so.

"Vote against the president and your head will be on a pike," he said, citing a CBS News report that quoted an unnamed Trump lieutenant. "I don't know if it's true," Schiff added.

Cue tumult from Republicans. "No!" said Sen. John Barrasso, of Wyoming, forgetting the rule against senators speaking during the trial.

Sen. Susan Collins, of Maine, one of the key GOP moderates, looked directly at Schiff, shook her head and said, "Not true."

"He was doing fine with 'moral courage' until he got to the 'head on the pike,'" Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, another moderate, said later. "That's where he lost me."

Their purported outrage over a medieval metaphor was odd for a bunch of

hard-boiled politicians. But Schiff's point, that Trump seeks vengeance against Republicans who cross him, was incontestably true. A long list of GOP dissidents can testify that Trump's dealing with former Sen. Jeff Flake, of Arizona, who abandoned his reelection plans after Trump attacked him as "toxic."

And Schiff's underlying message was even harsher. Republicans who dislike Trump's excesses but continue to defend him, the Democrat implied, are failing a test of moral courage. The Republicans heard that one, too, and it stung.

"We're complicit unless we vote for impeachment," complained Sen. John Cornyn, of Texas.

On that count, at least, Schiff can claim that he made his point.

Heading into the trial, Democrats feared what they knew was probably an impossible mission. To reach the high bar for removal from office by the Senate — a two-thirds majority, or 67 votes — they would need at least 20 Republican votes from Democrats and declare the president guilty.

Even the Democrats' fallback goal, a simple majority of 51 senators to subpoena witnesses and documents, has begun to look increasingly distant. Several Republicans who initially said they would consider the idea, including Murkowski and Collins, sounded doubtful as the week wore on.

But House Democrats said they had several other purposes in hammering at their sometimes engrossing but often tedious case. They felt a duty to lay out the evidence in full, not only a duty to history and congressional procedure, but also because some senators had paid little attention to the details of the case.

Indeed, one Republican, Sen. John Kennedy, of Louisiana, admitted, "I've learned a lot and I think everybody has."

Democrats also wanted to make their case before the public. They said they didn't worry that their presentation would go on too long for most Americans to absorb. Most, they knew, would see only brief

snippets on TV. And they didn't mind putting Collins and other Republican senators who face difficult reelection campaigns into no-win positions.

On Saturday, the president's lawyers began presenting their side. Not surprisingly, it was the Democrats' case in reverse — starting with their funhouse-mirror version of Trump's demand that Ukraine investigate Joe Biden and the Democratic Party, portraying it as part of a praiseworthy effort to stamp out corruption.

The president's personal lawyer, Jay Sekulow, made a show-business-style pitch for his opening presentation, saying it would be "a trailer — coming attractions." Trump aides had promised a no-holds-barred attack on Biden over his actions as vice president while his son was employed by Burisma, a Ukrainian natural gas company. But there was a built-and-switcher view, who stood in for that spectacle got only stolid, lawyery arguments on Saturday.

Their main purpose was to provide Senate Republicans with a grab bag of arguments they can use to justify their coming votes, first to avoid calling witnesses, and then to acquit the president.

One new rationale embraced by GOP senators was that Schiff claimed his case was strong, convincing and compelling — which, they said, raised the question of why the Senate needed to hear witnesses.

For now, the vote on witnesses remains in suspense. Collins, who said she was offended not by Schiff's rhetoric but also by another Democrat's use of the word "treachery," will probably have a week to recover before making her decision.

Her votes, like those of other senators, will depend on political calculation — she's been in politics for 44 years and has run in five elections — and, yes, the question of moral courage. It can't be said that Schiff said something about heads on a pike.

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Do we have the courage to stop anti-Semitism again?

By DAVID VON DREHLE
The Washington Post

The plan was for no one to be there. In mid-January of 1945, as winter raked and froze the Polish countryside, German commanders ordered one last ruthless culling of prisoners at the Auschwitz death factory and the slave camps surrounding it. Wit Soviet troops advancing furiously from the east, slaves who might still be of use to their Nazi tormentors were marched westward in rags under some of the worst conditions of that unspeakable time. The rest — those judged too weak to begin the death march, the tortured twins and other subjects of Josef Mengele's sadistic medical experiments and so on — were to be shot.

But by then all the ghouliness efficiency of Auschwitz was gone. There had been flowers in the window boxes of buildings on the way to the gas chambers, because the bloomers of the fears of the doomed. There had been teams of prisoners trained — it was this or be killed — to drag corpses from the kill rooms to the crematoria. There had been officers to assure their soldiers that savagery in wartime is glorious, or at least mandatory.

In other words, there had been a machinery of slaughter to deal with such orders from on high. But with the Red Army's guns booming ever closer, the Auschwitz death machine broke down. The remaining Germans scattered without finishing their work. And on Jan. 27, soldiers from the First Ukrainian Front rushed in to find some 7,000 prisoners alive to tell the

story of the more than 1 million murders.

The liberation of Auschwitz was the first of many important 75th-anniversary milestones the world will mark in the coming months. Seventy-five years is not just a momentous number. It is the horizon of living memory. The burning of Dresden and of Tokyo, the Battle of Iwo Jima, the death of Roosevelt, the suicide of Hitler, the surrender of Germany, the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the capitulation of Japan's emperor-god. The ranks of people old enough to have witnessed the final throes of the world's deadliest catastrophe are dwindling daily, marching into the past.

When the last of them cross into history, these memories, and the meaning of these events, will be kept alive only by acts of will and conscious choices. Who will choose to spend time with such ugliness and sorrow? To confront what happened, to admit it and learn from it, requires one to linger in the dark recesses of the human soul, to stare at things that are usually ignominious.

Who, indeed, after Human Rights Watch, 75 years after Auschwitz "rising anti-Semitism in Europe has become impossible to ignore." More than 8 in 10 Jews in a cross-section of Western European countries say they fear anti-Jewish bias has surged from the shadows to be a major issue again. Last year, a German government official warned Jewish men not to wear their religious head coverings in public because of the risk of verbal and physical assaults. Britain's venerable socialist Jewish Labour Movement last year broke with the Labour Party over the "pool of

poison" — anti-Semitism — infecting the nation's leading leftists.

Meanwhile, in the United States, high-profile hate crimes such as the attack on a kosher market in New Jersey and the mass shooting at a Pittsburgh synagogue embody a steep increase in all sorts of anti-Semitic behavior, from taunts and graffiti to murder. Nearly 9 of every 10 American Jews sees anti-Jewish bias in this country as a problem, according to a poll commissioned by the American Jewish Archives.

This appalling recrudescence can be explained only by a widespread failure to remember and to learn. Along with rampant demagoguery, conspiracy-mongering and us-against-them politics, the rise of anti-Semitism in the West gives our day a quasi-1930s vibe.

Among the Auschwitz prisoners who survived to greet the Soviet liberators was Primo Levi, an Italian Jew. His training as a chemist had made him useful as a slave at the IG Farben factory next door to the death camp. He certainly would have been selected to march off into the deadly winter, but a cousin of scorn Levi kept him in the barracks. He preserved the memory of Auschwitz in such masterpieces as "If This Is a Man" and "The Periodic Table."

And he taught a clear and simple lesson. "It happened," he testified, "therefore it can happen again." The challenge is ours, 75 years after the Holocaust, to keep it from passing it on. Have we enough will, enough courage, enough love — and enough fear of human weakness — to do so?

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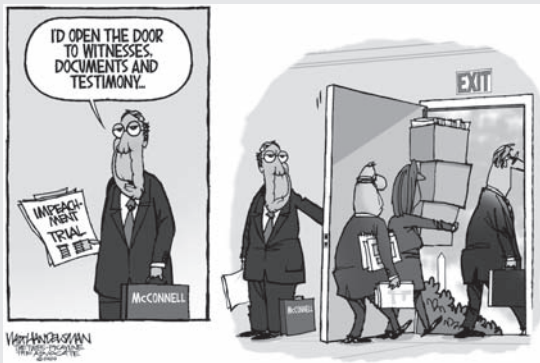
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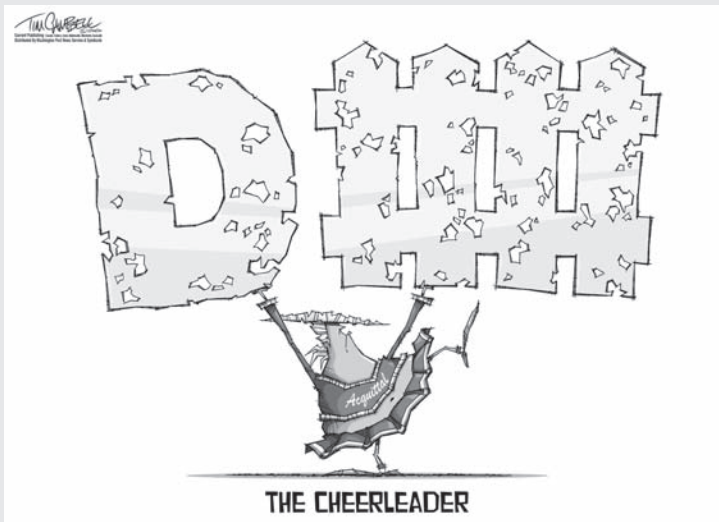
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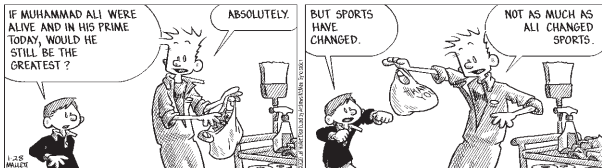


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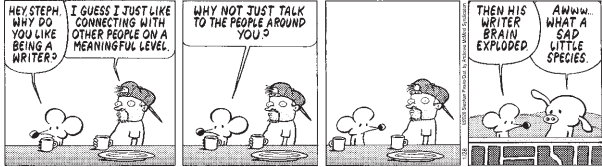
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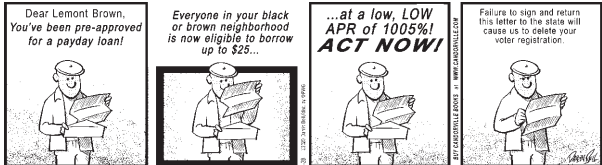
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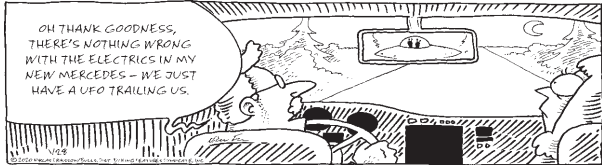
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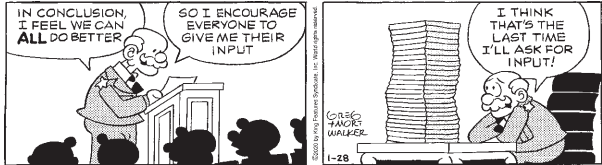
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Par 72
San Diego
Purse: \$7.5 million

M. Lehman, \$1,350,000	67-75-68-65	-273	-15
R. Malm, \$817,500	68n-71n-65n-70n	-274	-14
J. Rahm, \$442,500	71n-73n-67n-69n	-276	-12
B. Snedeker, \$442,500	69n-67n-72n-68n	-276	-12
T. Hoge, \$307,500	71n-71n-67n-68n	-277	-11
T. Finau, \$253,125	75n-70n-68n-70n	-278	-10
P. Reed, \$253,125	69n-69n-70n-70n	-278	-10
B. Watson, \$253,125	67n-73n-69n-69n	-278	-10
H. Higgs, \$181,875	70n-68n-69n-72n	-279	-9
C. Hiram, \$181,875	69n-74n-71n-65n	-279	-9
M. Homa, \$181,875	71n-71n-71n-67n	-279	-9
T. Hoadler, \$181,875	72n-66n-73n-68n	-279	-9
B. Reid, \$181,875	69n-72n-68n-69n	-279	-9
T. Woods, \$181,875	69n-71n-69n-70n	-279	-9
M. McInly, \$136,875	71n-71n-69n-69n	-280	-8
J. Bradley, \$136,875	69n-74n-68n-74n	-281	-7
C. Chang, \$114,375	71n-68n-68n-74n	-281	-7
J. Day, \$114,375	73n-67n-72n-69n	-281	-7
J.B. Holmes, \$114,375	68n-69n-71n-73n	-281	-7
A. Krause, \$114,375	69n-71n-67n-74n	-281	-7
Zac Blair, \$69,042	76n-66n-72n-75n	-282	-6
W. Gordon, \$69,042	75n-68n-69n-70n	-282	-6
K. Knox, \$69,042	68n-74n-69n-70n	-282	-6
J. Kokrak, \$69,042	69n-74n-69n-70n	-282	-6
C. McNeely, \$69,042	70n-69n-74n-69n	-282	-6
M. Wolff, \$69,042	76n-66n-71n-69n	-282	-6
S. Cuppen, \$69,042	69n-71n-74n-74n	-282	-6
T. McNelly, \$69,042	72n-68n-68n-74n	-283	-5
R. Palmer, \$69,042	72n-62n-71n-77n	-282	-6
L. Andrus, \$45,938	68n-74n-69n-74n	-283	-5
K. Weir, \$45,938	67n-70n-70n-76n	-283	-5
J. Knap, \$45,938	67n-74n-74n-68n	-283	-5
K. Weir, \$45,938	67n-74n-74n-68n	-283	-5
J. Vegas, \$45,938	69n-68n-75n-71n	-283	-5
J. Wukie, \$45,938	71n-70n-70n-75n	-283	-5

Gainbridge at Boca Rio

Sunday		
At Boca Rio Golf Club		
Boca Raton, Fla.		
Purse: \$2 million		
Yardage: 6,701; Par 72		
Final		
M. Sagstrom, \$300,000	72-62-67-70	-21
Nasa Hataoka, \$185,623	74-64-67-69	-17
Danielle Kang, \$134,656	72-67-65-69	-17
Celine Boutier, \$104,167	71-67-67-70	-15
Sei Young Kim, \$83,843	68-69-67-73	-11
M. Jutanugarn, \$63,009	72-67-67-70	-10
C. Clanton, \$63,009	72-64-69-73	-10
Yui Kawamoto, \$45,563	67-73-69-69	-9
Klara Spinkova, \$45,563	72-68-68-71	-7
Jessica Korda, \$45,563	66-73-69-71	-7
Charley Hull, \$34,758	75-68-69-68	-8
B. Kruger, \$34,758	72-71-69-68	-8
Xiyu Lin, \$34,758	67-67-72-72	-8
Jennifer Song, \$34,758	72-64-68-72	-5
L. Thompson, \$27,236	73-68-69-71	-8
C. Biganda, \$27,236	69-66-71-71	-8
J. Kim, \$27,236	70-71-68-71	-8
M.B. Henderson, \$27,236	72-68-68-73	-8

Dubai Desert Classic

Dubai Desert Classic		
Sunday		
Emirates Golf Club		
Dubai, United Arab Emirates		
Purse: \$3.25 million		
Yardage: 7,153; Par: 72		
Final		
x-won on second playoff hole		
x-Lucas Herbert, Australia	69-71-68-279	-15
C. Bezenhurdu, \$100,000	70-69-72-280	-14
Adri Arnau, Spain	68-70-72-281	-13
Dan Bernier, S. Africa	68-68-72-281	-13
Tom Lewis, England	73-69-69-281	-13
K. Hataoka, United States	69-70-68-281	-13
Ashun Wu, China	69-67-67-282	-12
Mike Lewis, France	69-70-67-282	-12
Robert McIntyre, Scotland	74-70-67-283	-11
D. DeChambeau, US	69-70-76-283	-11
Matthew Pavon, France	69-71-75-284	-8
Dave Lipson, United States	68-75-71-284	-8
Shane Lowry, Ireland	72-69-72-284	-8
Tommy Fleetwood, England	75-69-69-284	-8
Eddie Pepperell, England	69-67-72-284	-8

Deals

Sunday's transactions

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
BUFFALO SABRES — Recalled defenseman Lawrence Pilut from Rochester (AHL).
DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled C Calvin Pickard from the Grand Rapids (AHL).
LOS ANGELES KINGS — Recalled FS Blake Lizotte and Matt Luff from Ontario (AHL).
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Recalled FS Colton Sissons and Yakov Trenin and D Ryan McDonagh from Milwaukee (AHL).
NEW YORK RANGERS — Loaned C Elias Andersson to HV71 (Sweden).

College basketball

Sunday's men's scores

EAST
Fairfield 63, Canisius 55
Monmouth (NJ) 84, Iowa 88
Princeton 87, Rutgers-Camden 41
Rider 67, Manhattan 63
Siena 84, Quinnipiac 61
St. Peter's 88, Niagara 53
Tulsa 79, UConn 78
SOUTH
Virginia 65, Wake Forest 63
MIDWEST
Creighton 77, Xavier 66
Drake 71, Missouri St. 49
Maryland 77, Indiana 76
Michigan St. 70, Minnesota 52
N. Iowa 67, Loyola of Chicago 62
Ohio St. 71, Northwestern 59
Saint Louis 55, Fordham 39
Valparaiso 67, Evansville 55
FAR WEST
Houston 68, South Florida 49
California 52, Stanford 50
Hawaii 76, UC Davis 75
Oregon 96, UCLA 75
San Diego St. 71, UNLV 67

Men's Top 25 fared

Sunday
1. Baylor (17-1) did not play. Next: at Iowa State, Wednesday.
2. Gonzaga (21-1) did not play. Next: at Santa Clara, Thursday.
3. Kansas (16-3) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma State, Monday.
4. San Diego State (21-6) beat UNLV 71-67. Next: at New Mexico St., Wednesday.
5. Florida State (17-2) did not play. Next: at Virginia Tech, Tuesday.
6. Louisville (17-3) did not play. Next: at Boston College, Wednesday.
7. Dayton (18-2) did not play. Next: at Duquesne, Wednesday.
8. Duke (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Tuesday.
9. Villanova (16-3) did not play. Next: at St. John's, Tuesday.
10. Seton Hall (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. DePaul, Wednesday.
11. Michigan St. (15-5) beat Minnesota 70-52. Next: vs. Northwestern, Wednesday.
12. Oregon (17-4) beat UCLA 96-75. Next: at California, Friday.
13. Butler (16-4) did not play. Next: at Georgetown, Tuesday.
14. West Virginia (16-3) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Texas Tech, Wednesday.
15. Kentucky (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Tuesday.
16. Auburn (17-2) did not play. Next: at Mississippi, Wednesday.
17. Indiana (16-5) beat Indiana 77-67. Next: vs. No. 19 Iowa, Thursday.
18. Texas Tech (17-2) did not play. Next: vs. St. West Virginia, Wednesday.
19. Iowa (14-5) did not play. Next: vs. Wisconsin, Wednesday.
20. Memphis (14-5) did not play. Next: at St. John's, Wednesday.
21. Illinois (15-5) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan, Wednesday.
22. Arizona (13-6) did not play. Next: at Washington, Thursday.
23. Colorado (15-4) did not play. Next: at UCLA, Thursday.
24. Rutgers (15-5) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Tuesday.
25. Wake Forest (15-4) beat South Florida 68-49. Next: at East Carolina, Wednesday.

Sunday's men's scores

EAST
Gorge Washington 50, UMass 47
17. Salia 67, Saint Joseph's 59
Maryland 70, Northwestern 61
Providence 60, Xavier 66
St. Bonaventure 64, Syracuse Island 59
St. John's 82, Seton Hall 68
SOUTH
Alabama 88, Vanderbilt 61
Col. of Charleston 67, UNC-Wilmington 65
Delaware 65, Elon 56
Florida 61, William & Mary 54
Duke 58, Georgia Tech 46
Florida St. 79, Miami 67
James Madison 67, Northeastern 54
Louisville 83, Pittsburgh 49
Marquette 57, Mississippi 39
NC State 76, North Carolina 68
Richmond 69, Davidson 59
South Carolina 88, Georgia 53
Tennessee 83, LSU 69
Virginia 90, Notre Dame 60
Virginia Tech 71, Clemson 50
Wake Forest 65, Syracuse 60
MIDWEST
Bradley 77, Drake 76
Butler 73, Creighton 67
DePaul 67, Saint Joseph's 59
Dartmouth 48, Fordham 44
DePaul 92, Georgetown 66
For Wayne 58, Nebraska Omaha 57
Green Bay 74, Cleveland 54
Ill. 65, N. Iowa 65
Iowa 74, Michigan St. 57
Marquette 57, Villanova 57
Michigan 71, Rutgers 57
Milwaukee 74, Youngstown St. 62
Missouri 68, St. Francis 59
N. Dakota St. 85, Denver 80
North Dakota 77, W. Virginia 57
Purdue 81, Penn St. 68
San Diego 83, Duquesne 55
St. Louis 53, Duquesne 50
South Dakota 79, Oral Roberts 56
Arkansas 79, Florida 57
St. Louis 53, West Virginia 60
Texas A&M 72, Missouri 53
FAR WEST
Colorado 62, California 50
Oregon 66, Oregon St. 57
South Cal 81, Washington 70
Stanford 62, Utah 49
UCLA 66, Washington St. 58



San Diego State's Matt Mitchell goes for the block against UNLV's Marvin Coleman during a game in Las Vegas. The Aztecs won to improve to 21-0.

Top 25 roundup

No. 4 Aztecs remain unbeaten

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — While remaining the country's only unbeaten team was important to the San Diego State Aztecs, they had another milestone on their minds Sunday.

It was important because we wanted to hit 21-0 and make (school) history," junior Trey Pulliam said.

Mission accomplished.

Michael Flynn scored 21 points, Pulliam added a career-high 18 points and the fourth-ranked Aztecs (21-0, 10-0 Mountain West) staged off UNLV's second-half rally to win 71-67 and break the school records for best start and longest winning streak in the program's 99 seasons.

Jordan Schakel contributed 11 points for the San Diego State, which won 20 straight games twice before — during the 2010-11 and 2013-14 seasons. The latter team made the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament and finished 31-5.

Bryce Hamilton scored 29 points to lead the Runnin' Rebels (11-11, 6-3). Reigning Mountain West Player of the Week Marvin Coleman chipped in with 11 points.

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That seemed to awaken the Aztecs, who went on a 15-7 run to lead 55-47 with 4:54 left.

"It's college basketball, everyone has a run in them and (UNLV coach) TJ (Otzelberger) has done a great job with his team," San Diego State coach Brian Dutcher said. "We knew they were ready for this moment, cause we'd seen it many times with TJ's club, they get better and better. They played the right way, they were rewarded for it, but at the end of the way we made enough timely plays and important plays to get out of here with the win."

Particularly on defense, as the Aztecs did a good job at locking in defensively late and holding the Rebels scoreless for more than five minutes, despite the Rebels shooting 46.4% from the floor in the second half.

"We knew we were gonna have to play our absolute best to win today," Otzelberger said. "I thought our fight was there. I thought our competitive spirit was there. There was a few key plays, certain moments we didn't finish plays on the glass or get the stop that we needed. Had we done that, probably would have been a different story than at the end of the game."

No. 11 Michigan State 70, Minnesota 52: Cassius Winston had 18 points and eight assists to help the visiting Spartans cruise past the Gophers.

Xavier Tillman added 17 points and 10 rebounds for Michigan State (15-5, 7-2), which bounced back from a loss at Indiana three days ago to stay in a first-place tie in the Big Ten with Illinois.

The Spartans held Minnesota (11-9, 5-5) to season lows in field goal percentage (28.1) and three-point percentage (17.0).

with 19 points.

No. 12 Oregon 96, UCLA 75: Chris Duarte scored 20 of his 24 points in the first half and the host Ducks took full advantage of 23 Bruins turnovers.

Oregon (17-4, 6-2 Pac-12) remained perfect at home, upping its record to 12-0.

Payton Pritchard added 19 points and six assists and Will Richardson finished with 17 points for the Ducks, who shot 57% from the floor.

No. 17 Maryland 77, Indiana 76: Jalen Smith capped a last-minute comeback by making the go-ahead layup with 14 seconds left to give the visiting Terrapins the win over the Hoosiers.

Maryland (16-4, 6-3 Big Ten) trailed by six with 1:25 left in the game. But it held Indiana scoreless and scored the final seven points to win its third in a row.

The Hoosiers had a chance to win it but Trayce Jackson-Davis' short jumper bounced off the rim and Smith grabbed the rebound as the buzzer sounded.

Smith finished with 22 points and 29 rebounds. He also had 11 rebounds.

Devonte Green scored 16 points and Jackson-Davis had 13 to lead Indiana (15-5, 5-4), which had won its previous two games.

No. 25 Houston 68, South Florida 49: DeJon Jarreau had 12 points and six assists, Fabian White Jr. added 11 points and the host Cougars beat the Bulls.

Caleb Mills had 11 points and Chris Harris Jr. finished with nine points and eight rebounds. Houston (16-4, 6-1 American) shot 42% in winning its fourth straight game.

Michael Durr had eight points and six rebounds for South Florida (8-12, 1-6).

JOE BUGLIWICZ/AP

AUSTRALIAN OPEN/SUPER BOWL

Steady Nadal beats animated Kyrgios

By HOWARD FENDRICH

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Rafael Nadal left the muttering and the preening, the underarm serving and the twinning, to his younger, flashier opponent, Nick Kyrgios.

Surely, Nadal was content to collect the win in the latest installment of their rivalry.

The No. 1-ranked Nadal kept his thoughts to himself and limited his shot-making to the more traditional variety in an entertaining 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (4) victory over home-crowd favorite Kyrgios on Monday to reach the Australian Open quarterfinals and get closer to a record-tying 20th Grand Slam title.

These two guys don't like each other. But Nadal had nothing but nice things to say after improving his head-to-head record to 5-3 against Kyrgios.

"When he wants to play, when he is focused on what he's doing, I think he's a very important player for our sport," Nadal said, "because he has a big talent and is one of these players that can be very, very interesting for the crowd."

While Kyrgios was up to some of his usual trick shots and antics, what he never did was waver in his effort, something folks often accuse him of.

"I think he played very serious, tried all the time his best."

It certainly meant a lot to Kyrgios, who said: "I'm shattered to have lost tonight. These are the matches that I want to win the most."

Still, two points later, the 23rd-seeded Kyrgios put a forehand into the net, and the set was Nadal's. Not long after, Kyrgios double-faulted again to get broken at love.

That put Nadal ahead 2-1 in the fourth, seemingly in charge.

"Against Nick," Nadal would



LEE JIN-MA/AP

Rafael Nadal celebrates after defeating Australia's Nick Kyrgios in their fourth-round singles match at the Australian Open in Melbourne on Monday. Nadal will meet Dominic Thiem in the quarterfinals.

say afterward, "you are never (in) control."

Sure enough, Nadal faltered while serving for the win at 5-4, double-faulting to create a pair of break points, the second of which Kyrgios converted with a jumping forehand and celebrated by throwing his head back and screaming. Spectators rose and roared and waved their Australian flags in support of the 24-year-old from Canberra.

"A scary game," Nadal called it, acknowledging he was hampered by nerves.

But he regrouped and pulled the win out in the closing tiebreaker, which ended with Kyrgios putting a forehand into the net.

Sure, the cool, breezy conditions played to Nadal's advantage and dulled Kyrgios' power-based style. But there also was this: Nadal finished with more than twice as many winners as unforgotten errors, 64-27.

"I'd have to win a point three times to win a point," Kyrgios said.

Kyrgios delivered 25 aces and some memorable moments — including walking out on court and

warming up for the match in a No. 8 Los Angeles Lakers jersey to honor Kobe Bryant, the five-time NBA champion and 18-time All-Star who died in a helicopter crash Sunday at age 41.

Kyrgios switched to a No. 24 Bryant shirt for his post-match news conference and described himself as emotional at the news.

A video tribute to Bryant was played on the Rod Laver Arena scoreboards before Monday's match.

On Wednesday, the 33-year-old Nadal's 41st career Grand Slam quarterfinal will be against No. 5 Dominic Thiem in a rematch of the past two French Open finals, both won by Nadal.

The other men's quarterfinal on the top half of the bracket is No. 7 Alexander Zverev vs. No. 15 Stan Wawrinka.

Nadal vs. Kyrgios was fascinating to watch, in part because of the quality of the play and in part because of the subplot of their negative feelings toward each other.

"When I criticized him in the past," Nadal said, "it was because I thought he did a couple of things

that are not right and not the right image for our sport and for the kids."

They traded verbal barbs through the media last year after Kyrgios beat Nadal at a tournament in Mexico (which is why a spectator kept yelling "Acapulco!" in the stadium Monday). When they met again at Wimbledon in July — with, coincidentally, the exact same scoreline as Monday — Kyrgios ripped a shot right at Nadal's midsection, then refused to apologize.

Kyrgios came into this one following a five-set win that lasted nearly 4½ hours, sapping energy and emotion, and it appeared to hurt him in the early going.

And then, 63 minutes in, Kyrgios earned his first break opportunity and used it for a 3-1 lead with a squash forehand passing shot that Nadal let float by. The ball landed on the back of the baseline. Soon enough, it was a set apiece, and Kyrgios was strutting to the sideline with a towel dangling from his teeth.

"Truthfully, Kyrgios should be 'Mic'd Up' every time he plays, and his patter was strong, with-

Scoreboard

Australian Open

Monday

At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor
(seedings in parentheses):
Men's Singles
4th Round
Dominic Thiem (5), Austria, def. Gael Monfils (10), France, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.
Stan Wawrinka (15), Switzerland, def. Daniil Medvedev (4), Russia, 6-2, 2-6, 4-6, 7-6 (2), 6-2.
Alexander Zverev (7), Germany, def. Andrej Rublev (17), Russia, 6-4, 6-4.
Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Nick Kyrgios (23), Australia, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (4).

Women's Singles

4th Round

Simona Halep (4), Romania, def. Elise Mertens (6), Belgium, 6-4, 6-4.
Anett Kontaveit (28), Estonia, def. Iga Swiatek, Poland, 6-7 (4), 7-5, 7-5.
Garbine Muguruzza, Spain, def. Kiki Bertens (9), Netherlands, 6-3, 6-3.
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (30), Russia, def. Angelique Kerber (17), Germany, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (4), 6-2.

Men's Doubles

Third Round

Rajeev Ram, United States, and Joe Salisbury (11), Britain, def. Marcel Granollers, Spain, and Horacio Zeballos (6), Argentina, 6-4, 7-6 (11).
Henri Kontinen, Finland, and Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany, def. Simone Bolelli, Italy, and Benoit Paire, France, 7-5, 6-3.
Ivan Dodig, Croatia, and Filip Polasek (4), Slovakia, def. Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan (13), United States, 6-3, 6-4.
Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico, and Ken Skupski, Britain, def. Franko Skupski, Croatia, and Austin Krajicek (16), United States, 6-3, 6-4.

Men's Doubles

Quarterfinals

Mikhail Kukushkin and Alexander Bublik, Kazakhstan, def. James Duckworth and Marc Polmans, Australia, 7-6 (6), 7-5.

Women's Doubles

Third Round

Jennifer Brady and Caroline Dolehide, United States, def. Lara Arruabarrena, Spain, and Olga Danilovic, Serbia, 6-2, 6-1.
Barbora Krejickova and Katerina Siniakova (4), Czech Republic, def. Bethanie Mattek-Sands and Sofia Kenin (16), United States, 7-5, 3-6, 7-5.
Elise Mertens, Belgium, and Aryna Sabalenka (3), Belarus, def. Alison Riske, United States, 6-3, 6-3.
Kudrmetova (13), Russia, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2.
Latisha Chan and Hao-Ching Chan, Taiwan, def. Misaki Doi, Japan, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Kristina Mladenovic, France, and Tímea Babos (2), Hungary, def. Aleksandra Sadashige, Belarus, and Victoria Kuznetsova (15), Slovakia, 7-6 (4), 6-3.
Cathy McNally and Cori Gauff, United States, def. Shuko Aoyama and Ena Shibahara (10), Japan, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Mixed Doubles

Third Round

Zheng Saisai, China, and Joran Vliegen, Belgium, def. Liang Shao-wen, Taiwan, and Neal Skupski (8), Britain, 6-3, 6-3, 11-9.
Lukasz Kubot and Iga Swiatek, Poland, def. Michael Venus, New Zealand, and Hao-Ching Chan (4), Taiwan, 6-2, 6-3.
John Peers, Australia, and Astra Sharma, Australia, def. Jean-Julien Rojer, Netherlands, and Sam Stosur (7), Australia, 6-3, 6-6, 10-4.

er he was complimenting Nadal with "Too good!" or admonishing his entourage to "Say something!" or sarcastically criticizing himself by shouting "Well done!" after a bad backhand or smacking himself in the head with his racket.

Chiefs, 49ers arrive in Miami for Super Bowl

By TIM REYNOLDS

Associated Press

MIAMI — Kansas City waited 50 years to get back to a Super Bowl. And then the Chiefs had to wait a few extra minutes once they got to Miami.

It took workers at Miami International Airport about three attempts to get one of the rolling staircases that the Chiefs would use to deplane properly lined up with the front door of their chartered jet. The delay was brief, and coach Andy Reid and the rest of the Chiefs' delegation made their

way into the hangar for the short walk to waiting buses.

A handful of local politicians and officials were at the airport to greet the teams, as loud hip-hop music blared through the maintenance hangar that was being used for the arrivals.

No players or coaches spoke to reporters inside the hangar. The first media session for the Chiefs and the San Francisco 49ers — who arrived a couple hours after the Chiefs did on Sunday — is Monday night, when the NFL has Super Bowl Opening Night at Marlins Park.

Super Bowl 54 is next Sunday at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens.

Even as football enters its biggest week, basketball was on the teams' minds. The teams both paid tribute Sunday on social media to Kobe Bryant, whose shocking death in a helicopter crash earlier Sunday reverberated around the world.

"A legend gone too soon," the 49ers wrote.

Added Chiefs defensive end Frank Clark, on Twitter: "I'm devastated, RIP to my idol, Bean, 8, 24, the Goat, the Black Manba.

Wow." And Chiefs cornerback Bashaud Breeland called it a "sad day in America."

A handful of volunteers greeted players, coaches and staff as they made their way down the stairs. Everyone was handed a floral baseball cap, and many players held their phones out to shoot video of the moment they arrived at the Super Bowl.

A few of the 49ers danced once they deplaned, in time with the music coming from a nearby DJ. Even the flight attendants on the Chiefs' flight were celebrating the moment — they gathered at the




Super Bowl LIV
Kansas City (14-4) vs. San Francisco (15-3)

AFN-Sports
12:30 a.m. Monday CET
8:30 a.m. Monday JKT

top of the stairs for a group photo which their passengers deplaned, and a few of them pulled out their phones to snap pictures of players as well.

NHL

Don't call it a comeback: No lead is safe

There have already been five four-goal comebacks this season and 18 three-goal comebacks

By STEPHEN WHYNO

Associated Press

Joel Quenneville remembers years past when NHL teams leading going into the third period could feel comfortable chalking up two points. A win was a pretty sure bet.

Earlier this season, his Florida Panthers erased a four-goal deficit to win a game. And then they did it again. Even the three-time Stanley Cup-winning coach didn't see that coming.

"We didn't envision coming back either game," Quenneville said.

It's becoming easier than ever to envision. There have already been five four-goal comeback wins this season, tied for the most in NHL history. And the 18 three-goal comebacks are the most through the same number of games in 30 years.

No lead is safe.

"Used to be the dreaded, two-goal lead is the most dangerous in hockey, but now it seems like the four-goal lead's the hardest one to hold on to," Tampa Bay Lightning coach Jon Cooper said. "Teams believe they can come back at any time."

Coaches and players point to a number of different factors for all the rallying going on, ranging from rules designed to create more offense to better power plays, more skill and talent, and human nature when it comes to holding a comfortable lead or facing a difficult deficit.

"It's very difficult to hold leads now just with some of the rules that have been added," said coach Todd Reirden, whose Washington Capitals recently erased a three-goal deficit to beat the New York Islanders. "Just different little nuances that have helped scoring increase in the league. It's just the way that penalties are called, too, and the league wants offense and they love that aspect of teams coming from behind like that."

Those rules include more penalties called for obstructing, hooking, holding and slashing and increased advantages on faceoffs for the offensive team. Just like the standings that are set up to be neck-and-neck down the stretch



FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

Washington Capitals Alex Ovechkin left winger celebrates a goal during a Jan. 18 game in which the Capitals erased a three-goal deficit for a 6-4 defeat of the New York Islanders in Uniondale, N.Y.

to the playoffs, the modern game is designed for no team to be out of a game.

When David Quinn's New York Rangers went down 4-0 at Montreal this season, the second-year coach considered it a little unfair based on their effort. They won 6-5 in regulation.

"One of the things we talked about in between the first and second period was: 'Don't play the score. If you do the right thing over and over again, the game will reward you,'" Quinn recalled. "And I thought that's what happened. Within a game, you've got to be mentally tough, and you're going to have to have resiliency."

See the Panthers, who stunned Anaheim and Boston with those four-goal comebacks. Quenneville has been behind an NHL bench for a long time and doesn't have a scientific explanation for this phenomenon.

"You get a fortunate break on a bounce here, and it can really

shift the momentum," Quenneville said. "There's been a lot of offense in this year's game, teams going for it. You've got a 4-0 lead, whether you take your foot off the pedal and all of a sudden you may relax a little bit, but the other team's pressing, they're pinching, they're taking more offensive zone chances and thinking that way. You get a couple of breaks and all of a sudden, the other team's on their heels."

Much of it is psychological. Players after building a big lead could naturally think their heavy lifting is over for the game. Those on the other side are just getting started.

"The team that's ahead, as much as you fight it, there's a natural instinct to just ease off the gas a little and give (up) opportunities," said Matt Niskanen, whose Philadelphia Flyers recently beat the Bruins in a shootout after trailing by three goals. "Mentally, you tell yourself, 'Don't let up, keep playing the same way because we're

having success for a reason.' It's a really hard thing to fight."

After reaching Game 7 of the Stanley Cup Final, the Bruins lead the Atlantic Division at the All-Star break despite a penchant for blowing leads.

"We've got to bear down," Boston center Patrice Bergeron said. "You can't just have a good effort, be satisfied with that, and then just play for a half a game."

Half a game isn't enough, especially since hockey has moved toward more offensively skilled players and away from those tasked with keeping the puck out of the net. There's also the fact that 25 of 31 teams are either in or within 10 points of a playoff spot, and it's hard for teams to dominate a whole game — let alone a season.

"It just shows the parity of the league and that on any given night, everybody can beat somebody else" Reirden said. "It's extremely competitive."

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division									
Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	PP	PK
Boston	48	29	15	4	62	175	137	51	79
Tampa Bay	49	29	16	2	61	183	163	51	77
Florida	49	25	17	7	57	176	165	49	72
Toronto	49	25	17	7	57	176	165	49	72
Buffalo	49	25	17	7	57	176	165	49	72
Montreal	50	22	21	7	51	155	157	47	71
Ottawa	48	17	23	8	42	130	163	31	51
Detroit	51	12	35	4	28	109	159	28	35

Metropolitan Division

Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	PP	PK
Washington	49	31	11	5	71	177	144	56	78
Pittsburgh	50	31	14	5	67	168	136	51	77
N.Y. Islanders	51	27	16	8	62	138	130	48	71
Columbus	51	27	16	8	62	138	130	48	71
Carolina	50	29	18	3	61	159	132	50	77
Philadelphia	50	27	17	6	60	158	150	48	71
N.Y. Rangers	48	23	21	4	50	158	159	48	71
New Jersey	48	17	24	7	41	126	173	31	51

Western Conference

Central Division									
Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	PP	PK
St. Louis	49	30	11	8	68	158	134	51	77
Colorado	49	29	15	5	62	175	143	48	71
Dallas	48	27	17	4	58	125	120	48	71
Chicago	51	24	21	6	54	155	161	48	71
Winnipeg	51	25	22	4	54	152	160	48	71
Minnesota	50	23	21	6	52	156	166	47	71
Nashville	47	22	18	7	51	156	154	47	71

Pacific Division

Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	PP	PK
Vancouver	49	27	18	4	58	162	149	48	71
Edmonton	49	26	18	5	57	155	153	48	71
Calgary	50	26	19	5	57	135	147	48	71
Arizona	51	26	20	5	57	146	138	48	71
Vegas	52	25	20	7	57	161	159	48	71
San Jose	50	25	24	1	51	139	167	48	71
Anaheim	48	19	24	5	43	122	150	31	51
Los Angeles	50	18	27	5	41	125	158	31	51

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Thursday's games

No games scheduled

Friday's games

No games scheduled

Saturday's games

Atlantic All-Stars 5, Metropolitan All-Stars 5

Pacific All-Stars 10, Central All-Stars 5

Pacific All-Stars 5, Atlantic All-Stars 4

Sunday's games

No games scheduled

Monday's games

Washington at Montreal

New Jersey at Ottawa

Tampa Bay at Dallas

Toronto at Nashville

St. Louis at Vancouver

Anaheim at San Jose

Tuesday's games

Ottawa at Buffalo

St. Louis at Calgary

Scoring leaders

Through Sunday									
Player	GP	G	A	Pts	GF	GA	PP	PK	SH
Connor McDavid, EDM	49	27	48	75	51	25	38	63	3
Leon Draisaitl, EDM	49	27	48	75	51	25	38	63	3
Nathan MacKinnon, COL	49	30	42	72	51	37	70	70	3
David Pastrnak, BOS	51	37	33	70	47	26	42	68	3
Artemi Panarin, NYR	49	18	47	65	48	18	47	65	3
Brad Marchand, BOS	51	21	44	65	48	18	47	65	3
Patrick Kane, CHI	51	25	38	63	48	18	47	65	3
Jack Eichel, BUF	48	28	34	62	48	18	47	65	3
John Carlson, CHI	49	13	47	60	48	18	47	65	3
Auston Matthews, TOR	48	34	23	57	48	18	47	65	3
Alexander Ovechkin, WSH	48	16	38	54	48	18	47	65	3
Nikita Kucherov, TB	47	22	32	54	48	18	47	65	3
Mark Scheifele, WPG	51	23	31	54	48	18	47	65	3
Elias Pettersson, VAN	49	21	30	51	48	18	47	65	3

Calendar

Feb. 15 — NHL Stadium Series: Los Angeles Kings at Colorado Avalanche, Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Feb. 24 — Trade deadline (3 p.m. EST).

March 2-4 — General managers meeting, Boca Raton, Fla.

April 2 — Regular season ends.

April 8 — Stanley Cup playoffs begin.

May 24-27 — IIHF World Championship, Zurich/Lausanne, Switzerland.

June 1-6 — NHL scouting combine, Buffalo, N.Y.

June 12 — Last possible day of Stanley Cup Final.

June 17 — NHL awards, Las Vegas.

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NBA

Zion's double-double paces Pelicans

Williamson plays late in 4th, helps close out Celtics

By BRETT MARTEL
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Zion Williamson's authoritative, two-handed dunk as he was fouled by Boston guard Kemba Walker gave an appreciative crowd its first taste of how effectively the New Orleans Pelicans can close out games with the NBA's top draft choice on the court.

Williamson had 21 points and 11 rebounds in 27 minutes, and the Pelicans beat the Celtics 123-108 on Sunday for their first victory in three games since the rookie star joined the lineup.

The game also marked the first time the Pelicans permitted Williamson to play late in the fourth quarter. He scored eight points in the final three minutes as New Orleans pulled away.

"I felt helpless the last two games not being able to help my team in the fourth quarter," Williamson said. "Being able to close it out tonight felt good."

As did his first win, he said, adding: "The first of many, hopefully."

Jrue Holiday had 25 points, JJ Redick scored 17 and Brandon Ingram added 16 for New Orleans, which snapped a two-game slide. Lonzo Ball's career-high 15 assists included a long lob to Williamson for an alley-op layup and an alley-op pass that Williamson dunked on a sideline in-



New Orleans Pelicans forward Zion Williamson, right, had eight points in the fourth quarter and 21 overall in a 123-108 defeat of the Boston Celtics on Sunday in New Orleans.

rounds play.

"He's an easy target to get the ball to," Ball said of the 6-foot-6, 285-pound Williamson. "He's also mobile, so I can give to him on the run, post-up, pick-and-roll; he can do a lot of different things with the basketball."

Williamson played his most

minutes yet since completing his rehabilitation from arthroscopic knee surgery performed the day before the regular season opened. He had played the first five or so minutes of each quarter in his first two games, but the Pelicans made an adjustment to his fourth-quarter usage to allow the ex-

Duke star to be on the court for the final minutes against Boston.

"He's special," Celtics coach Brad Stevens said. "It's hard with him at (power forward) to match up anybody with him, and then at (center) he's so quick, he got multiple points on layups off of second shots and second bounces."

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	32	14	.696	—
Boston	30	15	.667	1½
Philadelphia	30	17	.639	2½
Brooklyn	19	26	.422	12½
New York	13	34	.277	19½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	31	14	.689	—
Orlando	21	26	.447	11
Washington	15	30	.333	16
Charlotte	31	33	.485	1½
Atlanta	12	35	.255	20

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	40	6	.870	—
Indiana	30	17	.638	10½
Chicago	20	27	.426	23
Detroit	17	30	.362	23½
Cleveland	12	34	.261	28

Western Conference

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	28	17	.622	—
Houston	28	17	.622	—
Memphis	22	24	.478	6½
San Antonio	20	25	.444	8
New Orleans	18	29	.383	11

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	32	13	.711	—
Denver	32	14	.696	½
Oklahoma City	28	19	.596	5
Portland	20	27	.426	13
Minnesota	15	31	.326	17½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	36	10	.783	—
L.A. Clippers	31	17	.646	5½
Phoenix	19	27	.413	17
Sacramento	16	29	.356	19½
Golden State	10	37	.213	26½

Saturday's games

Utah 112, Dallas 110	OT
Brooklyn 121, Detroit 111	OT
Chicago 118, Cleveland 106	
Oklahoma City 113, Minnesota 104	
Philadelphia 108, L.A. Lakers 91	

Sunday's games

Denver 117, Houston 110	
Toronto 110, San Antonio 106	
New Orleans 123, Boston 108	
New York 110, Brooklyn 97	
L.A. Clippers 112, Orlando 97	
Memphis 114, Phoenix 109	
Atlanta 152, Washington 133	
Portland 139, Indiana 129	

Monday's games

Cleveland at Detroit	
Orlando at Miami	
Bulls at Oklahoma City	
Sacramento at Minnesota	
San Antonio at Chicago	
Houston at Utah	

Tuesday's games

Golden State at Philadelphia	
New York at Charlotte	
Atlanta at Toronto	
Boston at Miami	
New Orleans at Cleveland	
Denver at Memphis	
Phoenix at Milwaukee	
Phoenix at Dallas	
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers	

Chicago at Indiana	
Utah at San Antonio	
Memphis at New York	
Atlanta at Phoenix	
Houston at Portland	
Oklahoma City at Sacramento	

Leaders

	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Harden, HOU	43	192	457	15.6
Antetokmpo, MIL	43	477	526	12.9
Young, ATL	41	380	292	11.3
Domic, DAL	41	391	286	11.8
Lillard, POR	44	391	303	247
Beal, WAS	37	157	221	10.7
Leonard, LAC	35	335	217	9.5
Booker, PHX	47	286	272	10.3
Davis, LAL	49	257	271	10.3
Westbrook, HOU	38	373	197	9.8
James, LAL	44	425	171	11.2
LaVine, CHI	48	421	223	12.4
Ingr, IND	41	354	225	10.3
Michell, UTA	44	402	175	10.8
Slakam, TOR	24	324	124	7.5
DeRozan, SAS	34	375	237	9.9
Wiggins, MIN	38	322	134	8.8
Walker, BOS	29	291	162	5.6
Tatum, BOS	42	332	138	9.0
McCollum, POR	40	275	117	7.1

Rebounds

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Drummond, DET	43	192	450	642	15.0
Robert, UTA	43	158	467	625	14.5
White, POR	41	169	421	590	14.0
Capeia, HOU	37	157	361	518	14.0
Antetokmpo, MIL	40	150	456	606	15.2
Sabonis, IND	41	145	405	550	12.8
Juevecic, ORL	35	95	295	390	11.1
Adebayo, MIA	35	117	313	430	10.4
Thompson, CLE	44	184	272	456	10.4

Assists

	G	AST	AVG
James, LAL	38	342	9.0
Rubio, PHX	41	366	8.9
Domic, DAL	41	366	8.9
Young, ATL	41	366	8.9
Simmons, PHI	45	380	8.4
Curry, GSW	40	352	8.8
Lillard, POR	44	334	7.6
Lowry, TOR	40	315	7.9
Westbrook, HOU	38	281	7.4
FG Percentage			
Goert, UTA	262	380	.689
Holmes, SAS	262	380	.689
Allen, BKN	262	380	.689
Capeia, HOU	262	380	.689
Clarke, MEM	197	314	.627
Adams, OKC	188	314	.599
White, POR	262	380	.689
Valanciunas, MEM	262	380	.689
Adebayo, MIA	272	464	.586

Roundup

Blazers' Lillard puts up 50 in defeat of Pacers

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Damian Lillard had 50 points and 13 assists, becoming the first Portland player with 40-plus points in three straight games, and the Trail Blazers beat the Indiana Pacers 139-129 on Sunday.

CJ McCollum returned after a three-game absence because of an ankle injury and added 28 points for Portland. Hassan Whiteside had 21 points and 14 rebounds.

Dominants Sabonis — whose father, Arvydas, played for the Blazers, had 27 points, 14 assists and 11 rebounds for Indiana for his second career triple-double. His first came last Sunday at Denver.

The Pacers were without starter Malcolm Brogdon, who missed his second straight game in concussion protocol after taking an elbow against Phoenix on Wednesday.

"We've been having a lot of injuries all year so I just wanted to come out, be aggressive and help the team any way I can," Sabonis said.

Indiana (30-17) has not won in Portland since the 2007-08 season, a streak of 11 games.

Knicks 110, Nets 107: Julius Randle had 22 points and 15 rebounds to lead host New York past Brooklyn, which played without Kyrie Irving.

Marcus Morris added 21 points to help the Knicks earn a split of the New York season se-



STEVE DYKES/AP

Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard drives past Indiana Pacers forward Dominants Sabonis. Lillard had 50 points and 13 assists in a 139-129 win Sunday.

ries. Spencer Dinwiddie, back in the starting lineup with Irving out, scored 23 points for the Nets.

Hawks 152, Wizards 133: Trae Young had 45 points and 14 assists in an emotional game for the first-time All-Star and Kobe Bryant fan, helping host Atlanta beat Washington.

KOBE BRYANT (1978-2020)

Kobe's death leaves NBA, fans in shock

BY BRIAN MAHONEY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Kobe Bryant authored some of his most memorable moments at Madison Square Garden and made himself a centerpiece of the Lakers-Celtics rivalry.

Bryant was remembered for that and so much more Sunday after the five-time NBA champion, his teenage daughter and seven others were killed in a helicopter crash.

Tributes poured in from around the basketball, entertainment and political worlds. Players and teams who competed with and against Bryant struggled their way through the games that were scheduled, unable to summon his intense competitive spirit.

"We laughed and joked about the Mamba mentality. We're all going to need it right now," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said through tears before his team played in Orlando.

Madison Square Garden was lit up in the Lakers' gold and purple colors for the game between the New York Knicks and Brooklyn Nets. Nets star Kyrie Irving didn't play, leaving the arena after hearing of Bryant's death.

The 18-time All-Star made his first All-Star appearance at MSG in 1998, a passing of the torch game in which Michael Jordan played for the final time as a member of the Chicago Bulls. Bryant later set the scoring record at the current arena when he scored 61 points in 2009, a mark that was later bettered by Carmelo Anthony.

Bryant played twice against Rivers and the Celtics for the championship, with Boston winning in 2008 and the Lakers taking the 2010 title, when Bryant captured his second consecutive NBA Finals MVP award.

"We always liked to reminisce. We would always laugh at our versions of our losses," Rivers said. "You know, when we beat them in 2008, he had his version. And when they beat us in 2010, I had my version, and then we would laugh at how different we looked at the games."

Pau Gasol, a former teammate of Bryant's during those series, tweeted, "Beyond devastated... my big brother... I can't, I just can't believe it."

The Lakers and Celtics already had the NBA's most famous rivalry, but it had been dormant since the heydays of Magic Johnson and Larry Bird before Bryant helped lead its resurgence.

Johnson, just days after giving an emotional speech during a memorial service for former NBA Commissioner David Stern, was devastated again after Bryant, 41, and 13-year-old daughter Gianna were among those killed in Southern California.

"As I try to write this post, my mind is racing," Johnson wrote on Twitter. "I'm in disbelief and have been crying all morning over this devastating news that Kobe and his young daughter,

Kobe tributes

Several teams held tributes to Kobe Bryant after his death on Sunday:

■ In Portland, the Trail Blazers honored Bryant with 24 seconds of silence before the game, and the team took a 24-second shot-clock violation at the start before the Pacers took an eight-second timeline penalty, recognizing Bryant's jersey numbers.

■ In Denver, the Nuggets held a moment of silence before the tip-off, with fans chanting, "Kobe! Kobe!" right after.

■ In New York, Bryant's picture was on the marquis outside Madison Square Garden and the crowd gave a "Kobe! Kobe!" chant after a moment of silence before the game.

■ In Atlanta, Hawks guard Trae Young wore a No. 8 jersey to acknowledge Bryant during the first few seconds of the game and dressed up his shoes with a heartfelt tribute as well.

■ In Memphis, the Grizzlies won the opening tip and immediately took a 24-second clock violation. When the opposing Phoenix Suns took possession, they stayed in the backcourt for an 8-second violation — the 24 and 8 representing Bryant's two numbers during his NBA career.

SOURCE: Associated Press

Gigi have passed away in a helicopter crash. Cookie and I are heartbroken."

Bryant also helped the U.S. win Olympic titles in 2008 and 2012, after the Americans had been shut out of gold medals in major international basketball competitions since 2000.

"He was in constant pursuit of doing something special, and there will never be a greater warrior in our sport," said Mike Krzyzewski, who coached Bryant on those teams after trying to recruit him to Duke.

Philadelphia 76ers center Joel Embiid said that he started playing basketball after watching Bryant in the 2010 NBA Finals. "I had never watched ball be-



MICHAEL OWEN BAKER/AP

People gather at a memorial near the Staples Center in Los Angeles on Sunday following Kobe Bryant's death in a helicopter crash in southern California.



TODD KIRKLAND/AP

Atlanta Hawks guard Trae Young's shoes honor Kobe Bryant prior to an NBA basketball game against the Washington Wizards on Sunday.

fore that and that finals was the turning point of my life," Embiid wrote on Twitter. "I WANTED TO BE LIKE KOBE. I'm so FREAKING SAD right now!!!"

Tiger Woods was told of Kobe Bryant's passing by his caddy Joey LaCava coming off the 18th green at Torrey Pines on Sunday at the Farmer's Insurance Open.

"Joey just told me coming off 18th green," Woods told CBS. "I didn't understand why the people in the gallery were saying, 'Do it for Mamba.' But now I understand. It's a shocker to everyone. Unbelievably sad and one of the more tragic days."

And not only for fellow athletes. Bryant had been busy in the arts

after retirement as a player and quickly became successful.

"Kobe was a legend on the court and just getting started in what would have been just as meaningful a second act," former President Barack Obama tweeted. "To lose Gianna is even more heartbreaking to us as parents. Michelle and I send love and prayers to Vanessa and the entire Bryant family on an unthinkable day."

Former Lakers star Kareem Abdul-Jabbar tweeted that "Most people will remember Kobe as the magnificent athlete who inspired a whole generation of bas-

ketball players. But I will always remember him as a man who was much more than an athlete."

Syracuse University men's basketball coach Jim Boeheim previously worked with Bryant with Team USA.

"He was not only one of the greatest basketball players ever, he was also the hardest working player I've ever been around," Boeheim tweeted. "I was so fortunate to have known him and coached him with Team USA. Our thoughts and our prayers are with his wife, Vanessa, and the Bryant family."



ERIC GAY/AP

Toronto Raptors players huddle following a moment of silence for Kobe Bryant before a game against the San Antonio Spurs in San Antonio, Sunday.

KOBE BRYANT (1978-2020)



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

The Lakers' Kobe Bryant holds the Larry O'Brien championship trophy and finals MVP trophy after Los Angeles defeated the Orlando Magic 99-86 in Game 5 of the NBA finals in Orlando, Fla., on June 14, 2009. Bryant, the 18-time NBA All-Star who won five championships and became one of the greatest basketball players of his generation during a 20-year career with the Los Angeles Lakers, died in a helicopter crash Sunday. He was 41.

Some of the many highlights of Kobe Bryant's career. The former Los Angeles Lakers star was killed in a helicopter crash in California on Sunday morning:

- 5-time NBA champion (2000-2002, 2009, 2010)
- 2-time NBA Finals Most Valuable Player (2009-2010)
- NBA MVP (2008)
- Academy Award winner for animated short film (2018)
- 18-time NBA All-Star (1998, 2000-2016)
- 4-time NBA All-Star Game MVP (2002, 07, 09, 11)
- 11-time All-NBA First Team (2002-2004, 2006-2013)
- 2-time All-NBA Second Team (2000-2001)
- 2-time All-NBA Third Team (1999, 2005)
- 9-time All-Defensive First Team (2000, 03-04, 06-11)
- 3-time All-Defensive Second Team (2001-02, 2012)
- 2-time NBA scoring champion (2006-2007)
- 2-time Olympic gold medalist (2008, 2012)
- NBA Slam Dunk Contest champion (1997)
- NBA All-Rookie Second Team (1997)
- Los Angeles Lakers all-time leading scorer (33,643)
- Naismith Prep Player of the Year (1996)

What they're saying

“Words can't describe the pain I am feeling. I loved Kobe — he was like a little brother to me. We used to talk often, and I will miss those conversations very much. He was a fierce competitor, one of the greats of the game and a creative force. Kobe was also an amazing dad who loved his family deeply — and took great pride in his daughter's love for the game of basketball.”

Michael Jordan

“It's an unbelievable reality that he's no longer here.”

Tiger Woods

“Kobe was a legend on the court and just getting started in what would have been just as meaningful a second act. To lose Gianna is even more heartbreaking to us as parents. Michelle and I send love and prayers to Vanessa and the entire Bryant family on an unthinkable day.”

Former President Barack Obama

“Kobe Bryant was a giant who inspired, amazed and thrilled people everywhere with his incomparable skill on the court — and awed us with his intellect and humility as a father, husband, creative genius, and ambassador for the game he loved.”

Eric Garcetti

Los Angeles mayor, via Twitter

Drive: Toughness, commitment, swagger all legendary traits

FROM BACK PAGE

hide her anguish when she said she was dedicating the rest of her season to Bryant's memory, soccer's Neymar held up a “24” with his fingers after scoring a goal for Paris Saint-Germain, and mar-ques at the Super Bowl in Miami were lit up in the Lakers' colors of purple and gold as a tribute.

The elite ones, the ones like James and Leonard and Ionescu and Neymar, are all like Bryant was. Driven. Obsessed with their craft. Those are the sort of people Bryant enjoyed most. He didn't have patience for anything else.

Teammates were never im-mune from his criticism; not even Shaquille O'Neal, a fellow all-time NBA great, could avoid clashes with Bryant. O'Neal was half-a-foot taller and probably an easy 100 pounds heavier than Bryant.

Didn't matter. Bryant wanted to fight one day in practice, so they fought.

His toughness was legendary; Bryant blew out his Achilles on a play in 2013 where he'd been fouled and made the two free throws knowing that his season would be over a few seconds later. It was against Golden State; the Lakers trailed at the time, and Bryant — who hyperextended a knee in that same game and played through it because the game was so important in the playoff race — swished both shots. “We were down two. Had to tie the game first,” Bryant said years later, when asked why he stayed in the game.

His commitment was legend-ary; there was a game in 2011 in Miami that the Lakers lost by six, and Bryant was so displeased

with how he played that he went back onto the court for 90 minutes of uninterrupted shooting that went on until after midnight. His teammates were in Miami Beach for dinner. Bryant was working instead. “It's my job,” Bryant said.

His swagger was legendary; during the FIBA Americas tour-nament in 2007, Bryant was less-than-impressed with how Brazil thought it had a chance to beat Team USA. So, he tasked himself with guarding Leandro Barbosa, who until that point had been the leading scorer in the tournament. With Bryant blanketing him — making it difficult for him to even dribble at times — Barbosa made one shot all night. The Americans won by 37. “Looking at a great white shark is one thing,” Bryant told teammates, “but jumping

into the pool with one is another thing.”

He played in Los Angeles, but he was a star everywhere. At the Basketball World Cup in China this past summer, Bryant was on the court for a game during the medal round. He said a few words in Mandarin and the fans in Beijing screamed with more delight than they had for the guy who had taken the floor just be-fore Bryant, a fellow by the name of Yao Ming.

He was as driven in his story-telling life as he was in his play-ing days. Kobe, Inc. wasn't just a cool name. It was his world. He wanted to inspire kids through books that combined the worlds of sports and fantasy. He was toying with the idea of taking his stories to Broadway. He won an Oscar for “Dear Basketball,” a

short animated film in 2018 that had been converted from a poem that he penned when he decided it was time to retire from playing the game. He had a podcast for kids and families, not with him blathering on about whatever he wanted to talk about but with characters talking about how to be a good teammate. He had a franchise of shows called Detail, where he broke down the nuances of basketball and had other huge names from other sports do the same thing.

He wasn't kidding around when talking to his staff on April 14, 2016. Kobe Bryant still had a lot of work to do.

He was just getting started. And now he's gone.

The tributes will continue, though eventually fade away. The legacy will be forever.

KOBE BRYANT (1978-2020)

Legacy extends beyond his NBA records

By GREG BEACHAM
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Kobe Bryant inspired a generation of basketball players worldwide with sublime skills and an unquenchable competitive fire.

He earned Los Angeles' eternal adoration during his two decades as the fierce soul of the beloved Lakers, and he was respected by basketball fans from every place with a hoop and a dream, including his native Philadelphia and in Italy, his other childhood home.

Less than four years into his retirement, Bryant was seizing new challenges and working to inspire his daughters' generation through sports and storytelling when his next chapter ended shockingly early.

Bryant, the 18-time All-Star who won five NBA championships and became one of the greatest basketball players of his generation during a 20-year career all with the Lakers, died in a helicopter crash Sunday. He was 41.

The crash occurred in the foggy hills above Calabasas, Calif., about 30 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles. Bryant was killed, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press, and a different person familiar with the case confirmed Bryant's 13-year-old daughter Gianna also died.

Both of the AP's unnamed sources spoke on condition of anonymity because few details of the crash had been released publicly.

Authorities said nine people were on the helicopter, and all were presumed dead. No names were released.

Bryant lived south of Los Angeles in coastal Orange County, and he often used helicopters to save time and avoid Southern California's notorious traffic. He traveled to practices and games by helicopter before his playing career ended in 2016. He continued to use them after retirement as he attended to his new ventures, which included a burgeoning entertainment company that recently produced an Academy Award-winning animated short

By the numbers

5

NBA championships won by Kobe Bryant during his 20-year career, all with the Los Angeles Lakers.

2

NBA Finals MVP awards won by Bryant.

18

Number of All-Star Game selections for Bryant.

SOURCE: basketball-reference.com

film.

The basketball world and Los Angeles reacted with an outpouring of pain and disbelief. Bryant is all but certain to be elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame this year, when he is eligible for the first time.

"For 20 seasons, Kobe showed us what is possible when remarkable talent blends with an absolute devotion to winning," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said. "He was one of the most extraordinary players in the history of our game with accomplishments that are legendary ... but he will be remembered most for inspiring people around the world to pick up a basketball and compete to the very best of their ability."

The crash occurred about 20 miles from Mamba Sports Academy, Bryant's basketball training complex in Newbury Park, Calif. A youth basketball tournament — the Mamba Cup — was scheduled for a second day of competition



JESSICA HILL/AP

Kobe Bryant and daughter Gianna watch the first half of a college basketball game between Connecticut and Houston in Storrs, Conn., last March. Bryant, the 18-time NBA All-Star who won five championships and became one of the greatest basketball players of his generation during a 20-year career with the Los Angeles Lakers, died in a helicopter crash Sunday, along with Gianna and seven others.

Sunday at the facility, and Bryant had attended the opening day Saturday with Gianna.

Bryant and his wife, Vanessa, had four daughters. He had been a vocal booster of women's sports since his retirement, coaching and mentoring basketball players around the world while also backing women's soccer and other endeavors.

Bryant retired as the third-leading scorer in NBA history with 33,643 points, all scored in Lakers purple and gold. The self-nicknamed Black Mamba was a prolific, gifted shooter with a sublime all-around game and a relentless, hard-edged work ethic that thrilled his fans and almost everyone else, even those who he rivaled him.

Taking cues from Michael Jordan, one of his idols, Bryant played with a swagger that compelled him to talk trash, to guard the toughest opponents, to play through pain and to demand the ball at the biggest moments.

He didn't always hit them, but Bryant never stopped trying. "He had zero flaws offensively," LeBron James said Saturday night. "Zero. You backed off of him, he could shoot the three. You body him up a little bit, he could go around you. He could shoot from mid-range. He could post. He could make free throws. ... He was just immortal offensively because of his skill set and his work

ethic."

Bryant held the No. 3 spot in the league scoring ranks until the day before his death, when James passed him during the Lakers' game in Philadelphia.

On Saturday night, James said he was "happy just to be in any conversation with Kobe. Kobe Bryant, one of the all-time greatest basketball players to ever play. One of the all-time greatest Lakers."

Bryant always reacted graciously to the achievements of James.

"Continuing to move the game forward @KingJames," Bryant wrote in his last tweet. "Much respect my brother."

Tim Duncan, the San Antonio Spurs great who also retired in 2016, is also expected to be part of the Hall of Fame class that will be announced at the NBA's All-Star weekend next month. Duncan, now a Spurs assistant, was visibly emotional on the bench during their game against Toronto on Sunday.

Bryant had been spending more time with his daughters since leaving the league. The Bryants' first daughter, Natalia, turned 17 a week ago. Bianka Bella Bryant is 3 years old, and Capri Kobe Bryant was born last June.

Gianna, better known as Gigi, had a promising youth career and a competitive pugnaciousness that reminded everybody of her

dad. Bryant sat with her court-side at a Brooklyn Nets game late last year, clearly passing along his wisdom to his daughter.

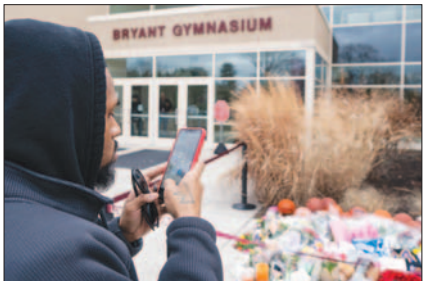
Bryant told Jimmy Kimmel in 2018 that Gianna wanted to play in the WNBA and recalled how fans would often approach him saying "you gotta have a boy, you gotta someone to carry on the tradition, the legacy."

Gianna took exception: "She's like, 'Oy, I got this,'" Bryant recalled.

News of Bryant's death inspired an outpouring of grief around the sports world and beyond, but it was felt particularly painfully in Los Angeles.

The Lakers' next game is Tuesday night against the crosstown rival Clippers, but hundreds of fans — many in Bryant jerseys and Lakers gear — spontaneously gathered at Staples Center and in the surrounding LA Live entertainment complex on Sunday, weeping and staring at video with Bryant's image before the Grammy awards ceremony.

"I thought he was going to live forever," Lakers great Magic Johnson told CBS-TV. "I thought he was invincible. ... There was nobody who took more pride in putting on that Laker uniform than Kobe. Nobody. He was just special. We will miss him, we'll remember him for his greatness, but let's not forget how he impacted the world, too."



CHRIS SZADOLA/AP

Michael Briggs of Philadelphia photographs a small memorial left to honor Kobe Bryant at the entrance of the Bryant Gymnasium at Lower Merion High School Monday in Wynnewood, Pa.

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Kobe Bryant stands for the national anthem before a game against the Indiana Pacers on Nov. 29, 2015, at Staples Center in Los Angeles.

Kobe Bryant built a career, post-basketball brand based on hard work

By TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

It was April 14, 2016. It was the first full day of Kobe Bryant's new chapter as a retired NBA player. All he had done the night before was score a mind-boggling 60 points in his farewell game, not getting out of Staples Center until around midnight.

His staff at Kobe, Inc. were certain they would beat their boss to the office that morning.

They were wrong. He beat everyone there by two hours. "We have a lot of work to do," Bryant told them.

Even in retirement, Bryant found no substitute for hard work.

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Kobe Bean Bryant was many things: one of the greatest players in basketball history, a five-time NBA champion, a two-time Olympic gold medalist, a fluent speaker of multiple languages, a resident of the world, an Oscar winner, the self-described Black Mamba that started as a nickname and became his brand, someone so good he had two numbers retired by the Los Angeles Lakers. He never stopped. Basketball

was his obsession for 20 years in the NBA. Storytelling was the obsession for the rest of his life.

Tears, as would be expected once the news broke of Bryant's death in a helicopter crash in Southern California on Sunday, flowed freely in the NBA world.

LeBron James was inconsolable when he got the news, a day after passing Bryant for No. 3 on the league's career scoring list. Doc Rivers struggled when he tried to

put his feelings into words. Even the normally beyond-stoic Kawhi Leonard's eyes welled up when he was talking about Bryant.

The pain was obvious elsewhere: Oregon women's basketball star Sabrina Ionescu didn't

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